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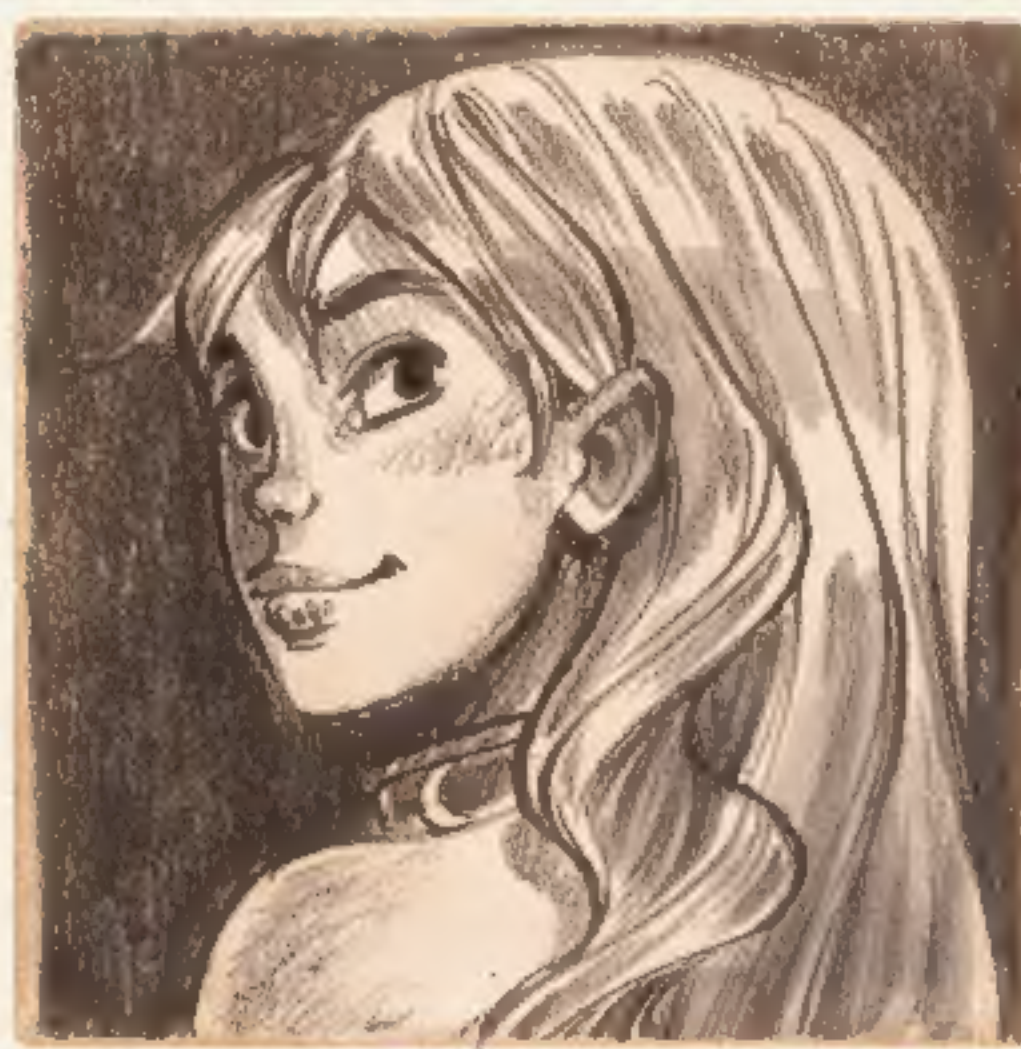
EKHO IS THE EARTH, EXCEPT IT'S NOT.



Here we find the same cities, the same countries, but everything's different - it's a world without electricity. One may be born here, or brought in from Earth by some funny little creatures, the Preshauns. Nobody knows exactly what the Preshauns want...



But Fourmille and Youri's arrival is going to upset the balance kept by the Preshauns. Possessed by ghosts, Fourmille must solve their problems in order to go back to being herself again... For when she changes hairstyle, it's a sign she is inhabited by another personality...



FOURMILLE GRATULE

was flying to New York when she tumbled on Ekho. An inheritance was waiting for her and she's now the head of a talent agency.



YURI PODROV

a computer guy, was Fourmille's seat-mate on the plane. He's been accidentally dragged to Ekho with her. Usually their personalities are hardly compatible.



GRACE LUMUMBA

she is a native to Ekho. Loyal secretary of the Gratule Agency. In her spare time she's Yumma the stripper.



SIGISBERT DE MOTAFIUME

this Preshaun is a young clerk. His mission is to make sure that the presence of Fourmille and Youri doesn't affect the delicate balance of the mirror world too much!

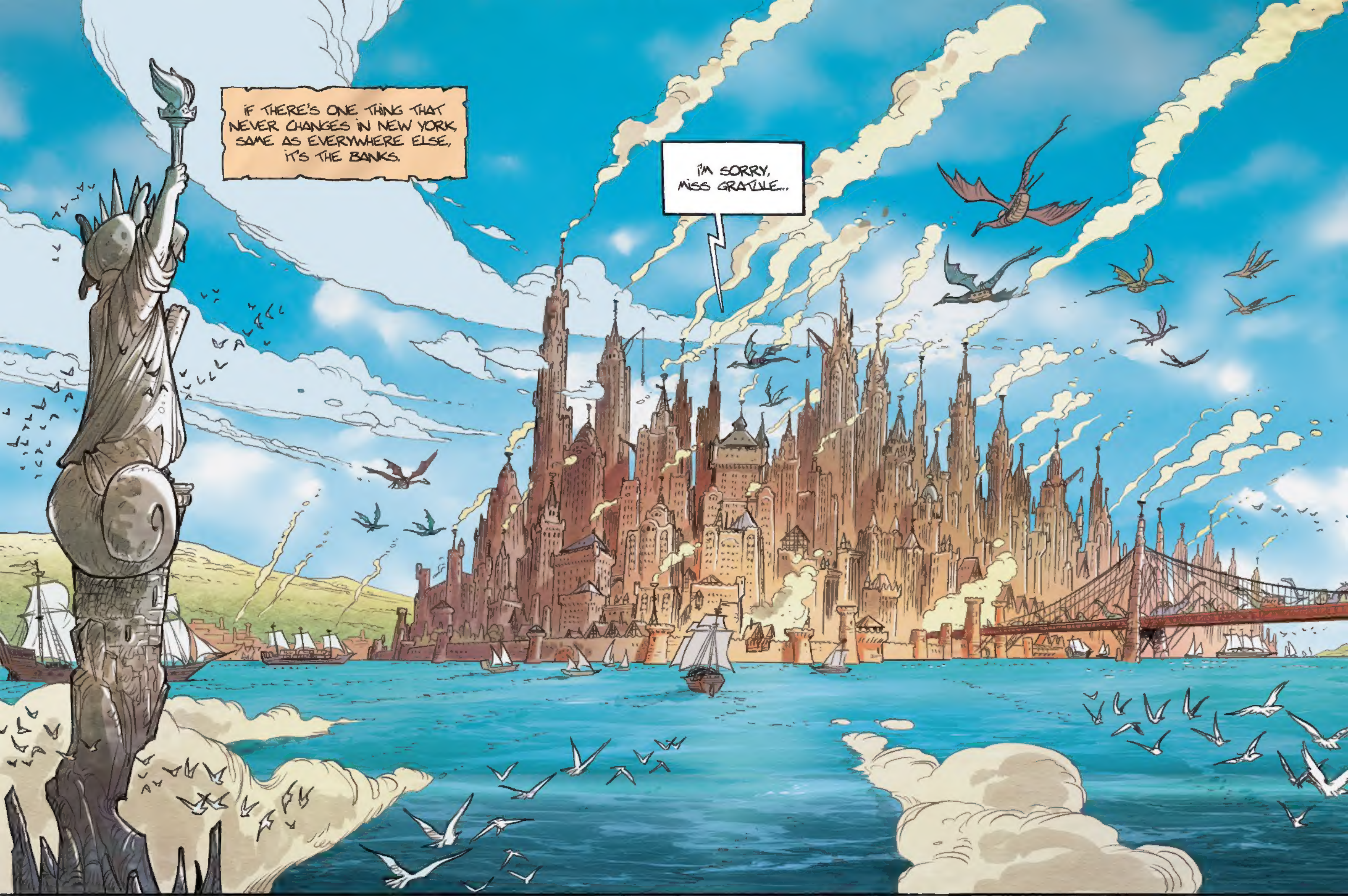


THE PRESHAUNS

are strange and well mannered little creatures who ensure the proper functioning of Ekho; by using strange machines, they keep what they call the Thaumic equilibrium. They have to drink tea at specific times of the day, otherwise they might turn into dreadful, out of control, monsters!

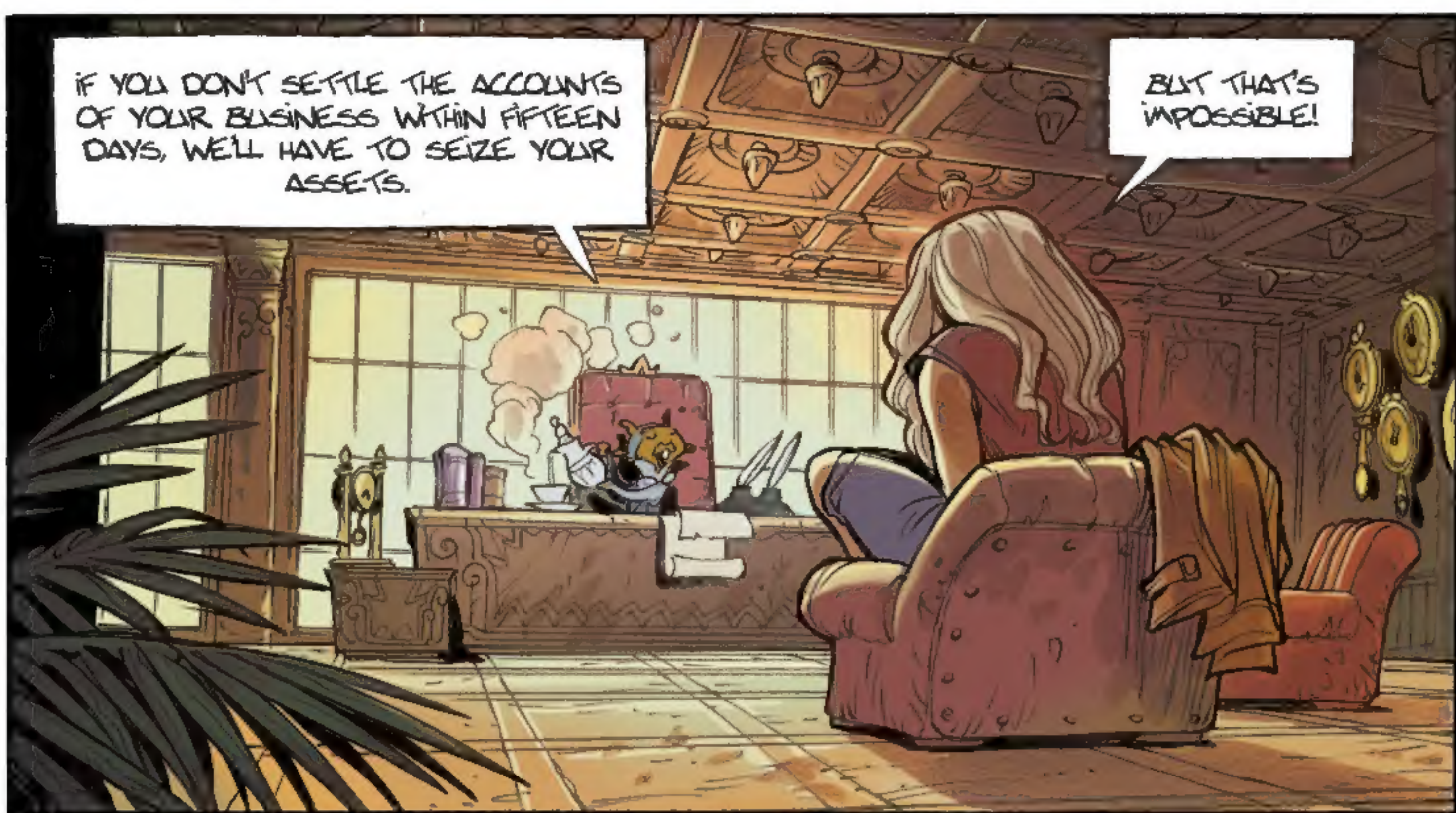
BARCELONA STAYS ALIVE UNTIL LATE INTO THE NIGHT. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A TIME, JUST BEFORE SUNRISE, WHEN SOME STREETS ARE DESERTED.





IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT NEVER CHANGES IN NEW YORK SAME AS EVERYWHERE ELSE, IT'S THE BANKS.

I'M SORRY, MISS GRATILE...



IF YOU DON'T SETTLE THE ACCOUNTS OF YOUR BUSINESS WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS, WE'LL HAVE TO SEIZE YOUR ASSETS.

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

IF YOU SEIZE THE AGENCY, I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO PAY OFF THE DEBT! BE REASONABLE!

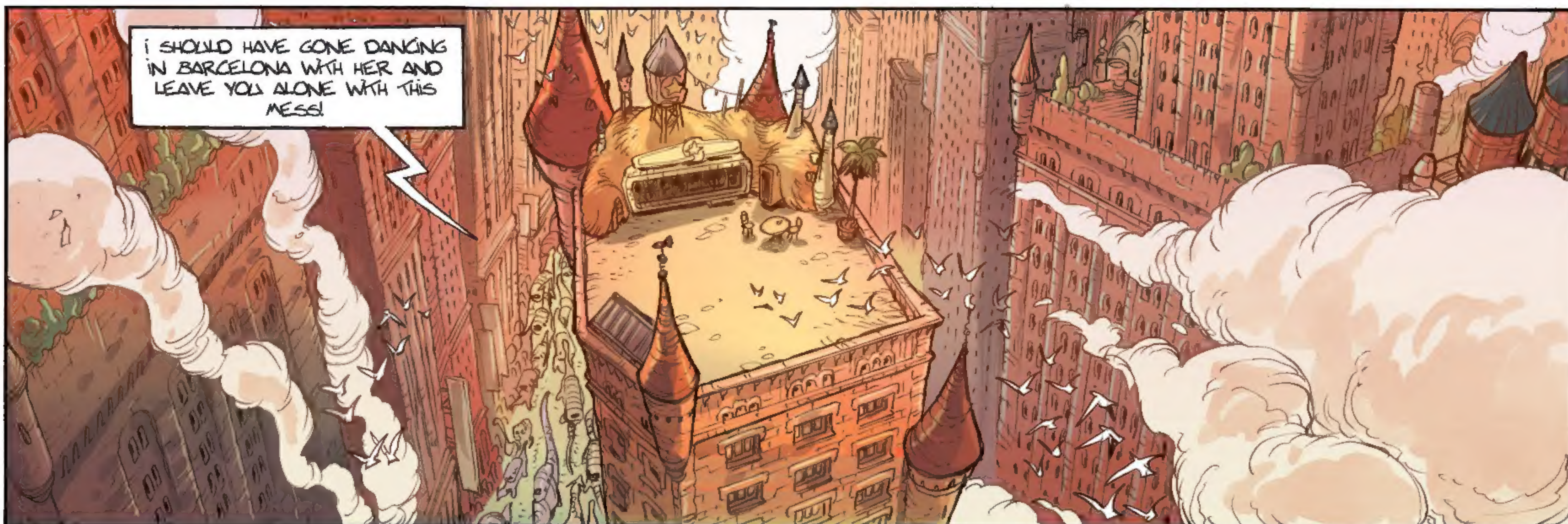
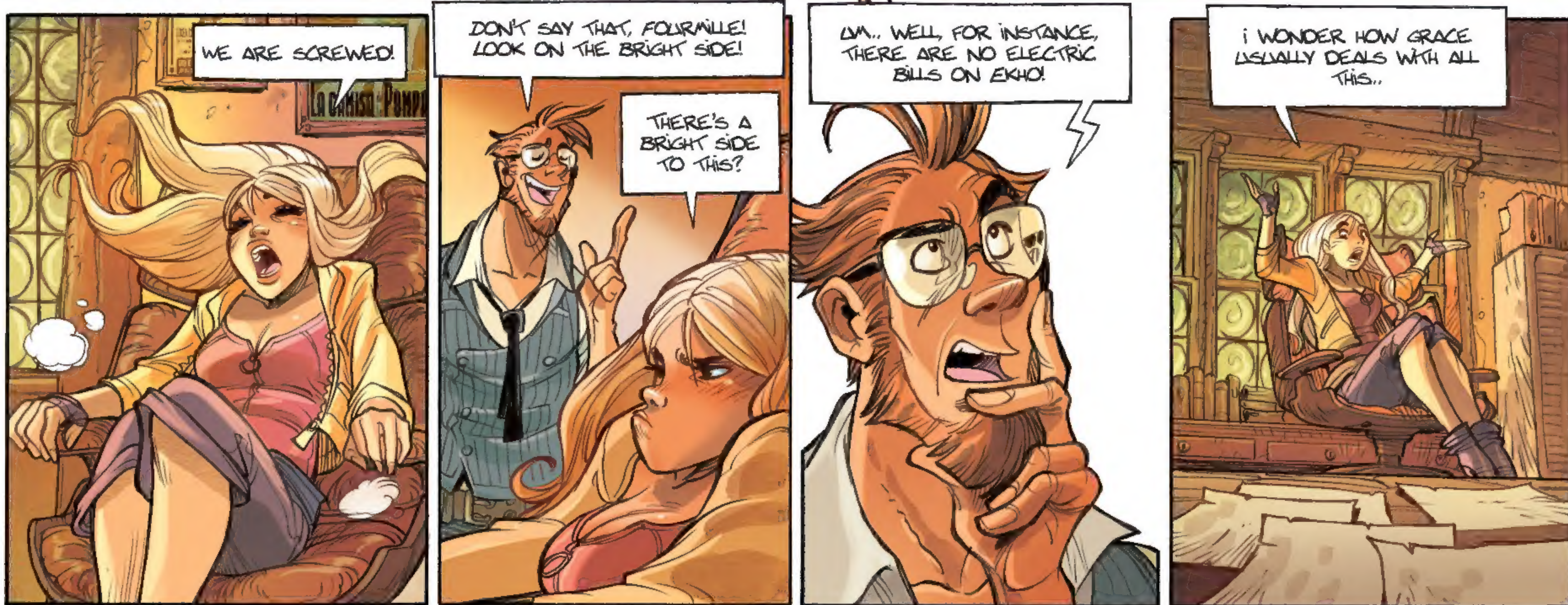
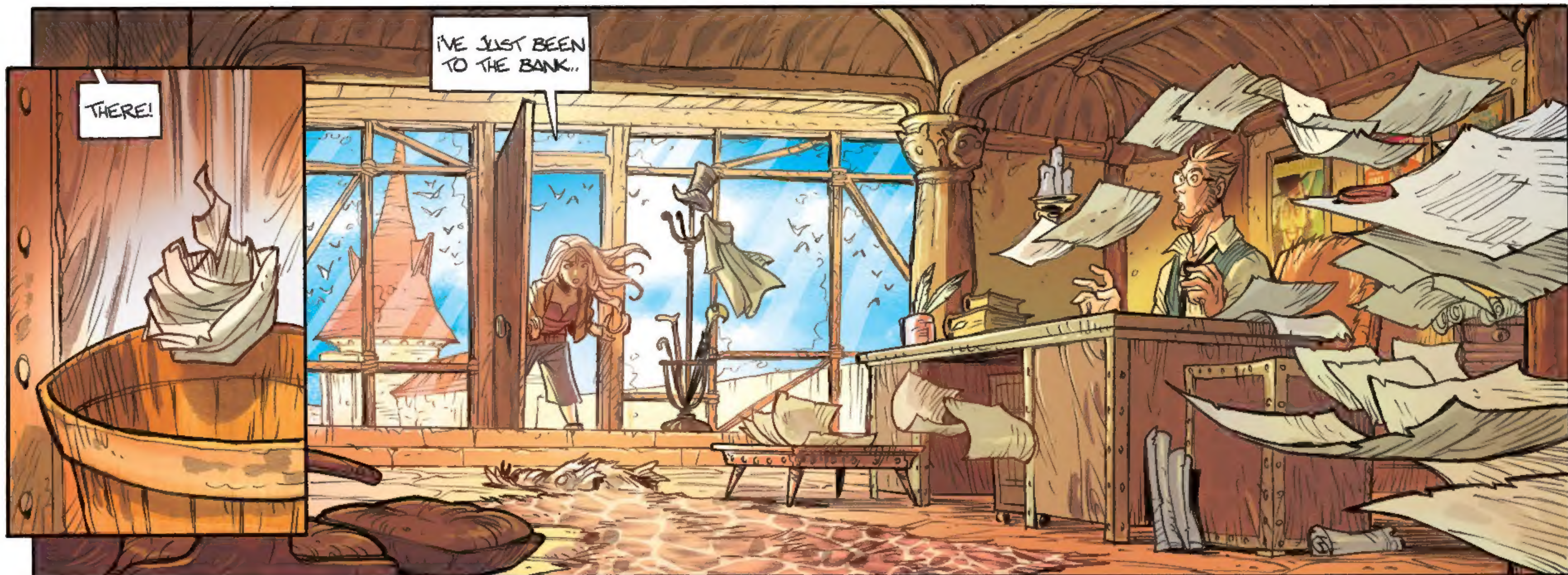


I CAN'T BE REASONABLE, I'M A BANKER.

HAVE A NICE DAY, MISS.



FIFTEEN DAYS! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DO THAT? AND SOME HIDDEN TREASURE?!



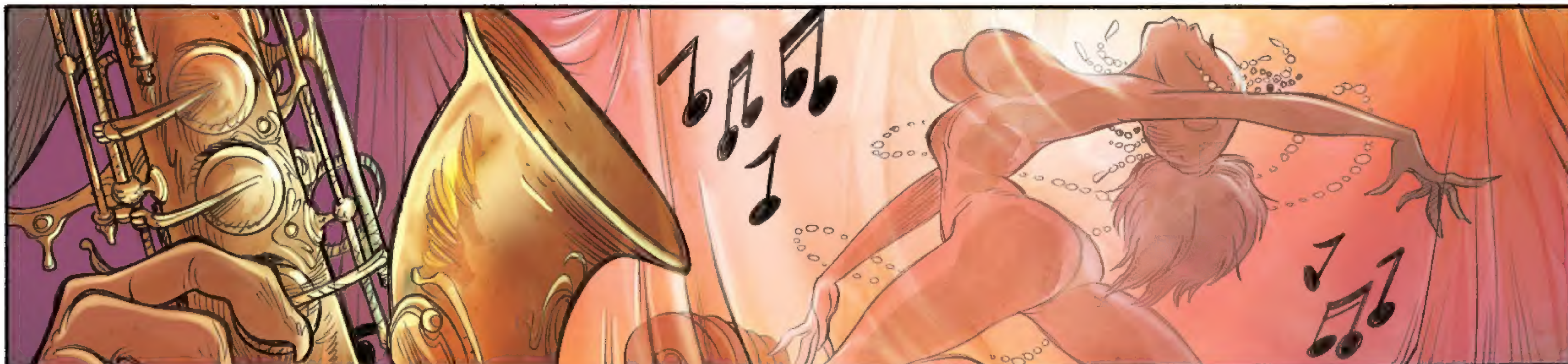
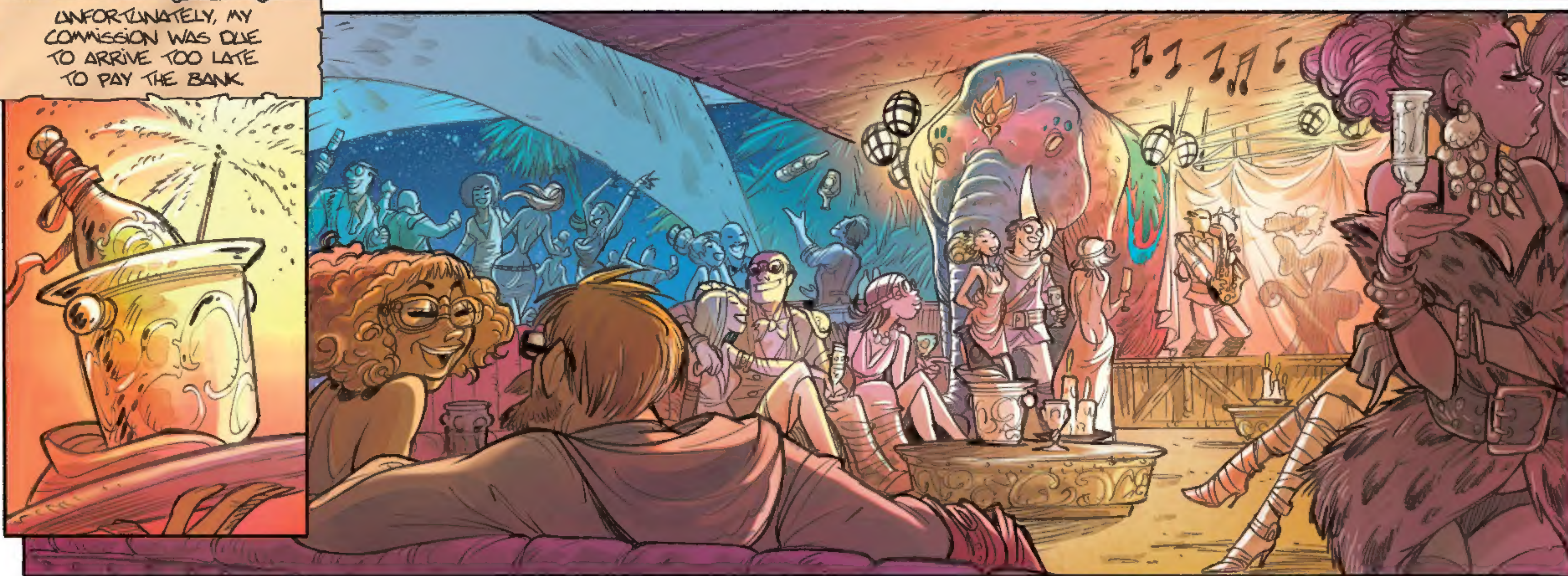
GRACE SET UP A SHOW ALONG
WITH COLT RAIN, A YOUNG SAX PLAYER
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE AGENCY.
THEIR FIRST GIG WAS IN A BIG CLUB
IN BARCELONA.



POR FAVOR, MAESTRO!

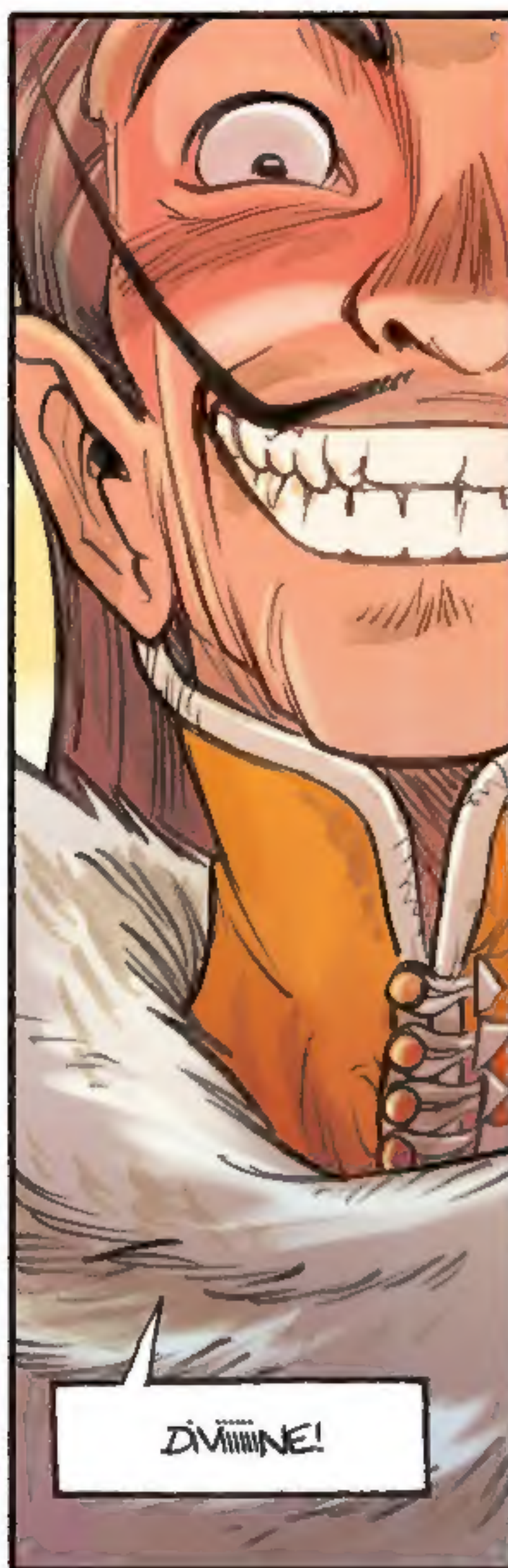
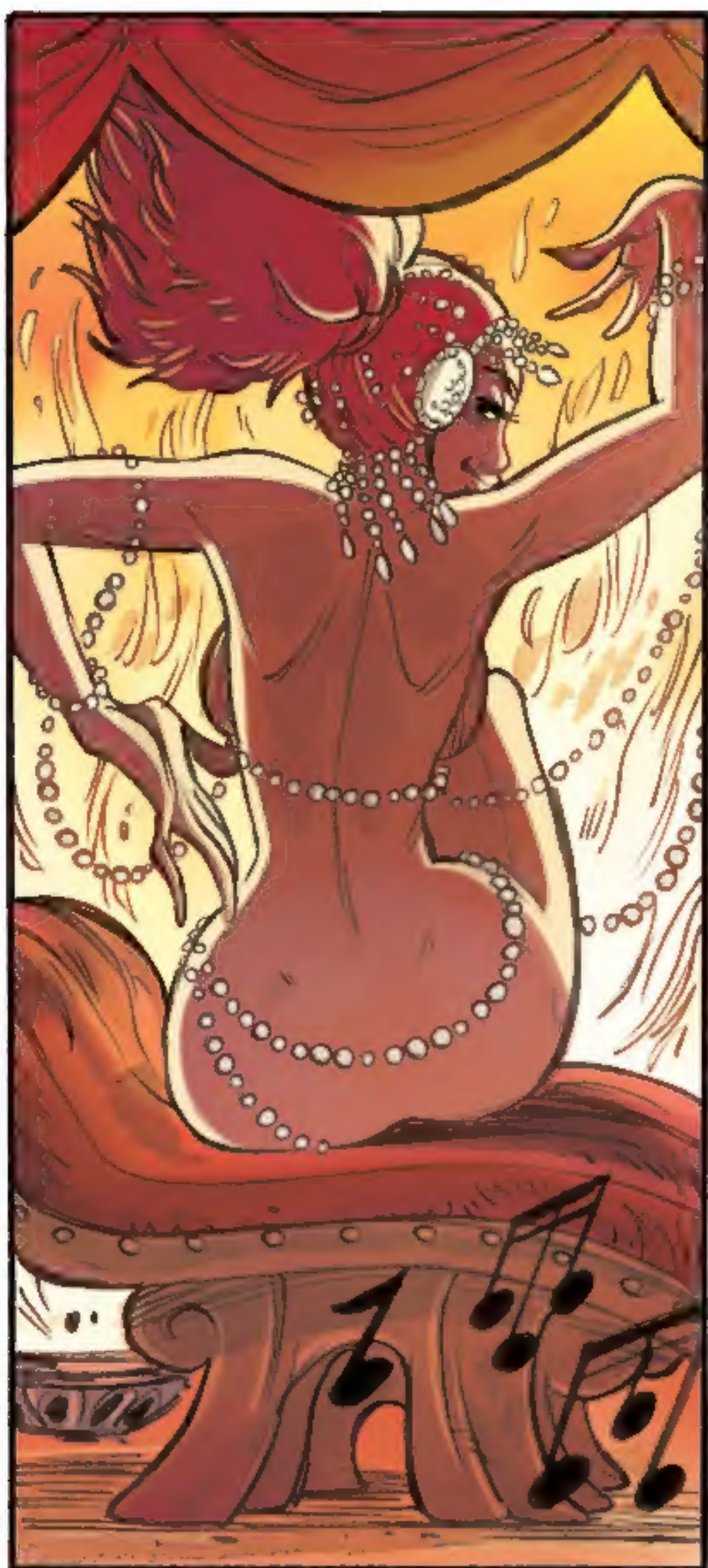
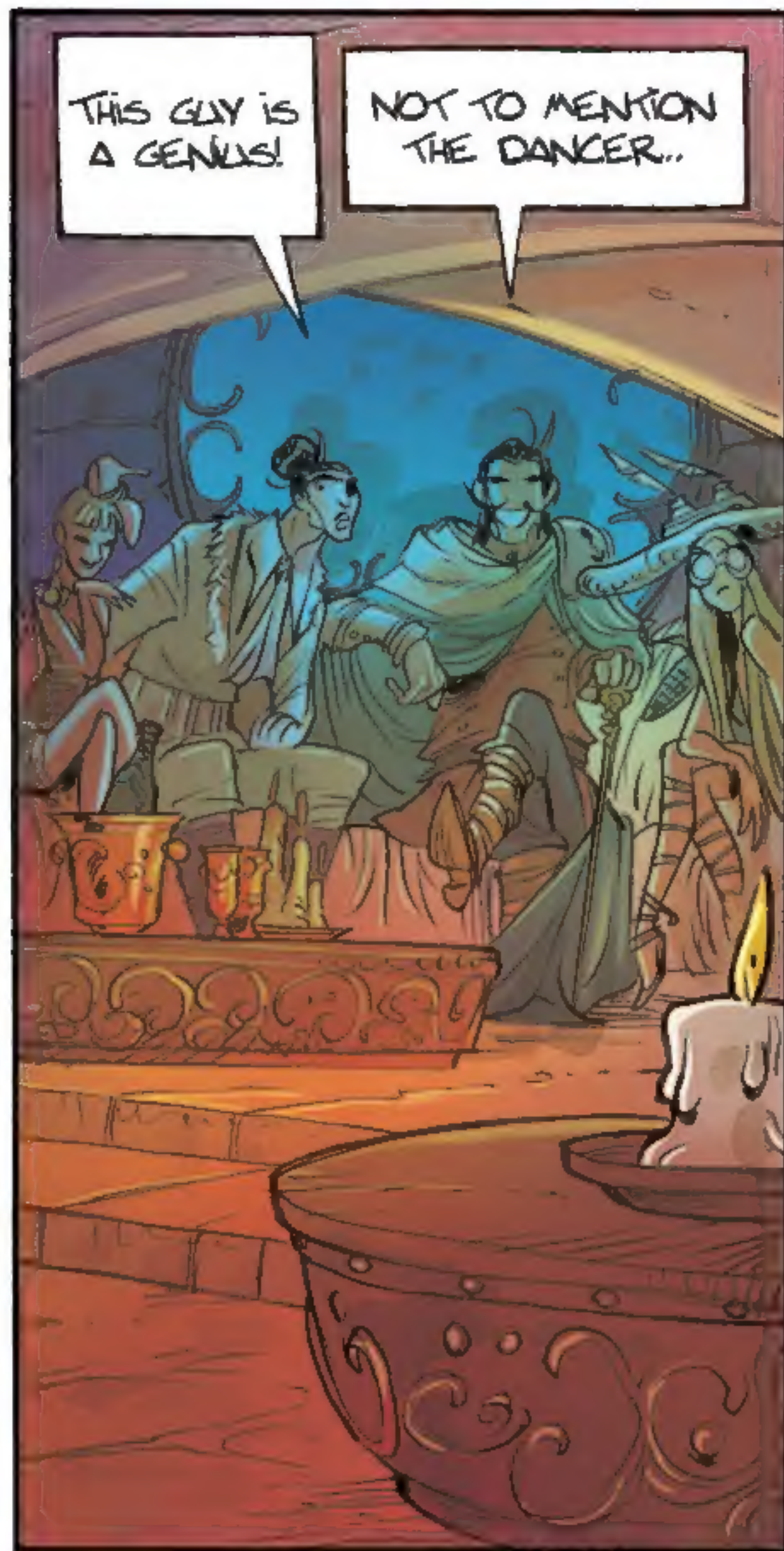


UNFORTUNATELY, MY
COMMISSION WAS DUE
TO ARRIVE TOO LATE
TO PAY THE BANK.

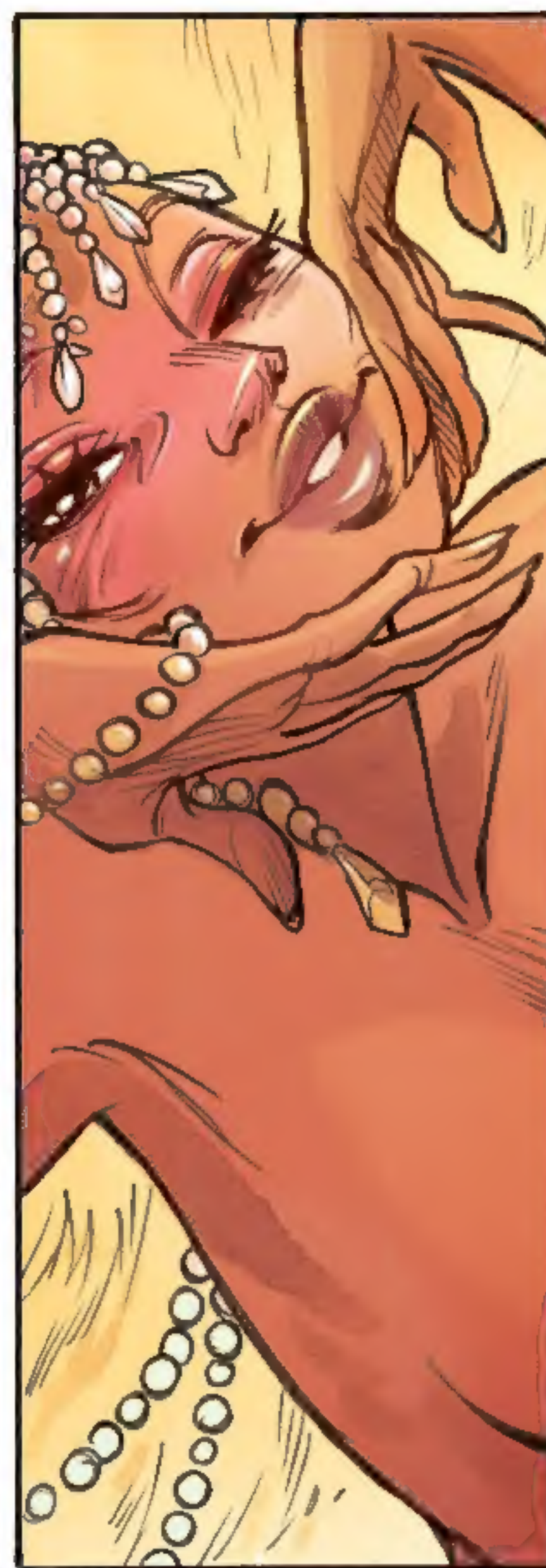


THIS GUY IS
A GENIUS!

NOT TO MENTION
THE DANCER...



DIVINE!



WHEN THE SHOW
IS OVER, I'VE
THEM TO MY TABLE.

MY BIEN, MAESTRO.





DID I ALREADY
TELL YOU ABOUT
MY LATEST
CREATIONS?

NOT YET,
MAAAESTRO!

IT'S JEWELRY,
FAIRIES THAT
I BRING TO LIFE
INSIDE A BUBBLE
OF SUBLIMINITY...



YOU CAN'T SAY NO!
IT'S MAESTRO
SALVADOR HIMSELF!

WHO SAID
I WAS GONNA
SAY NO?



I NEVER SAY
NO TO FREE
CHAMPAGNE!



ANOTHER OLD PERVERT
WHO WANTS TO GET
YOU INTO HIS BED...

HE MUST HAVE
A BIG BED
AND ECLECTIC
TASTES THEN,
SINCE WE'RE
BOTH INVITED!



OH, MAAESTRO,
I'D LOVE TO SEE
THOSE WORKS!

I GUESS IT'S
POSSIBLE...



LET'S ALL GO TO MY PLACE,
I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU
THE UNNNN-ATTAINAAAAABLE
PERRRR-FECTION!

OH, YESSSS!



SHIT, OUR DRINKS
TAKING OFF!

BAH...

BUT...
AH!



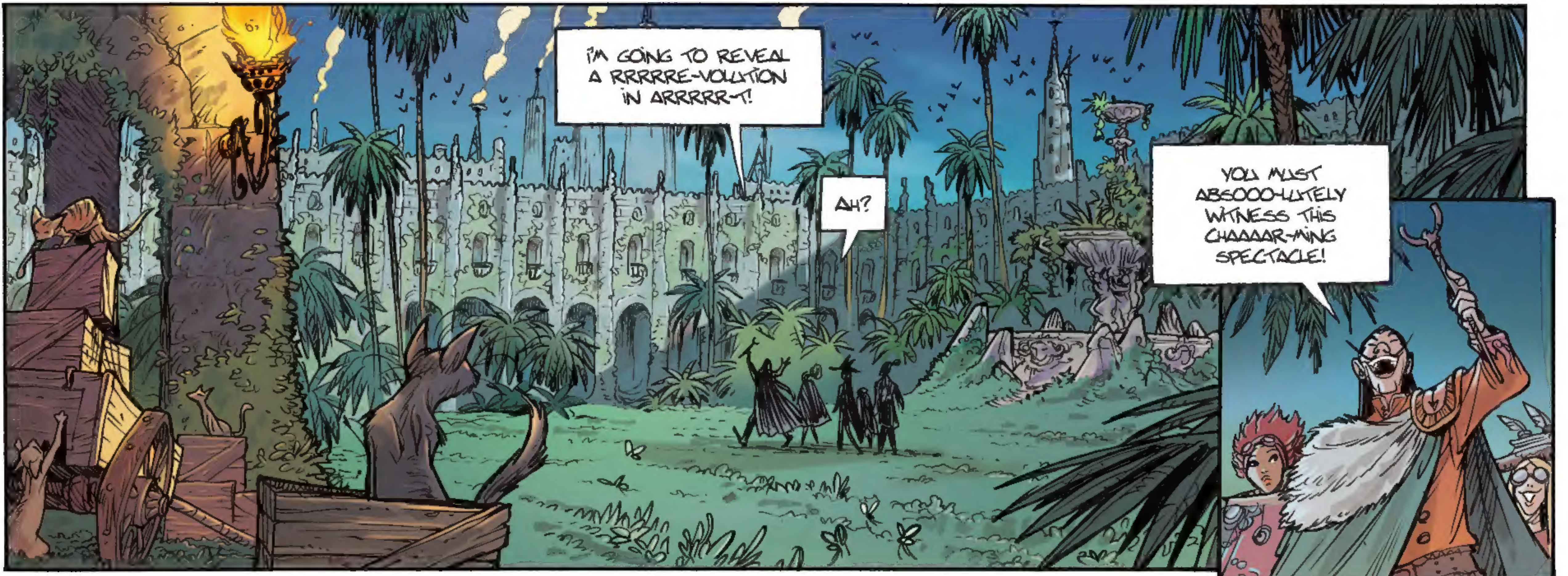
THERE YOU ARE,
DELICIOUS
STAGE PROP!

PLEASE
JOIN US!



WHERE ARE
WE GOING?

TO MY PLACE, IT'S
JUST AROUND
THE CORNER
IN PLAZA REIAL



I'M GOING TO REVEAL
A RRRRR-EVOLUTION
IN AAAAAA-!

AH?

YOU MUST
ABSOLUTELY
WITNESS THIS
CHAAAAA-MING
SPECTACLE!



BRRRREATH-TAKING!

DO YOU THINK
HE ALWAYS
SPEAKS WITH
THAT ACCENT?

AH, DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
HIM? I THOUGHT
IT WAS
CATALAN!



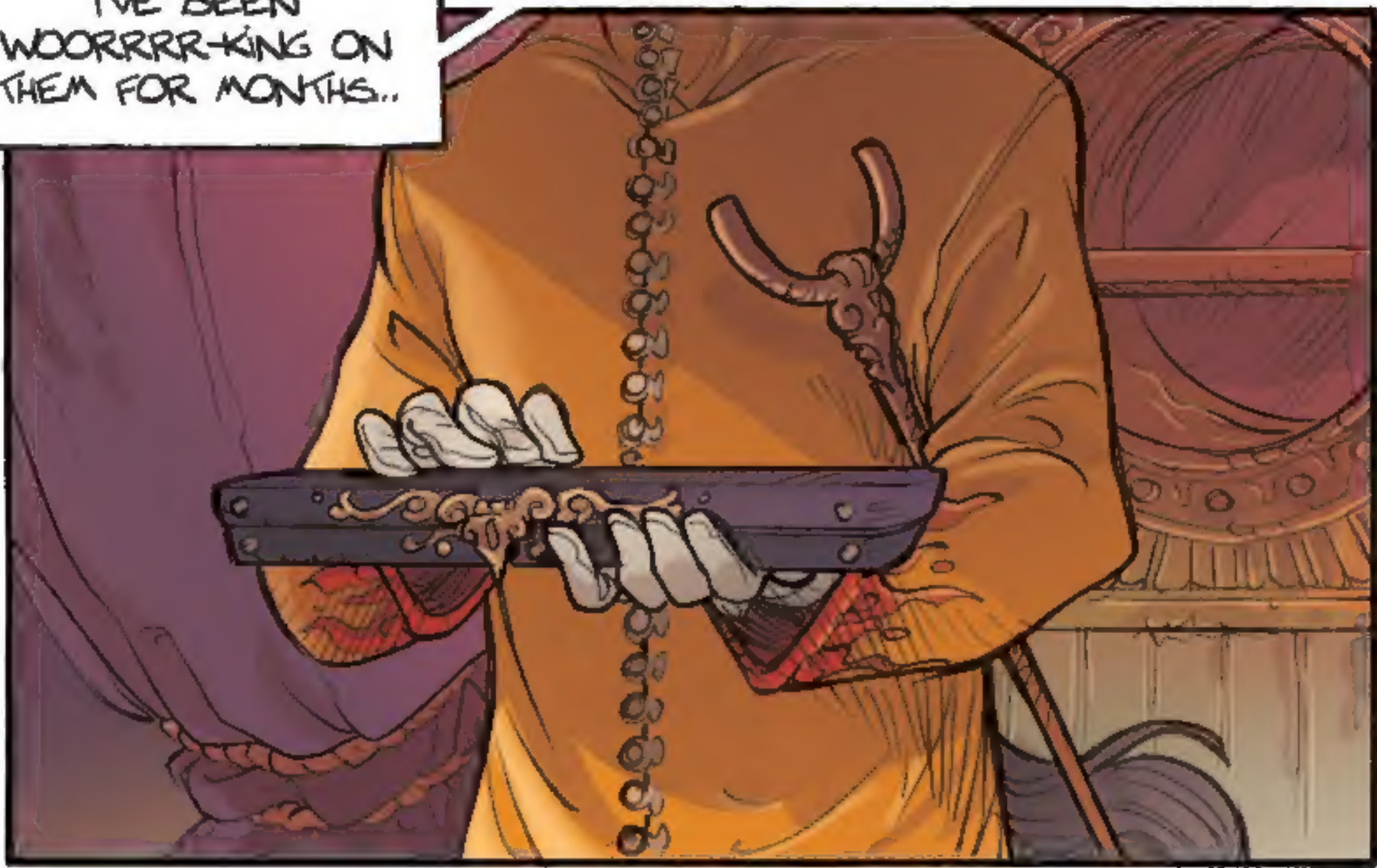
I LIVED
YOUR SHOW.

THIS ALWAYS
HAPPENS
WHEN I TAKE
MY CLOTHES OFF.

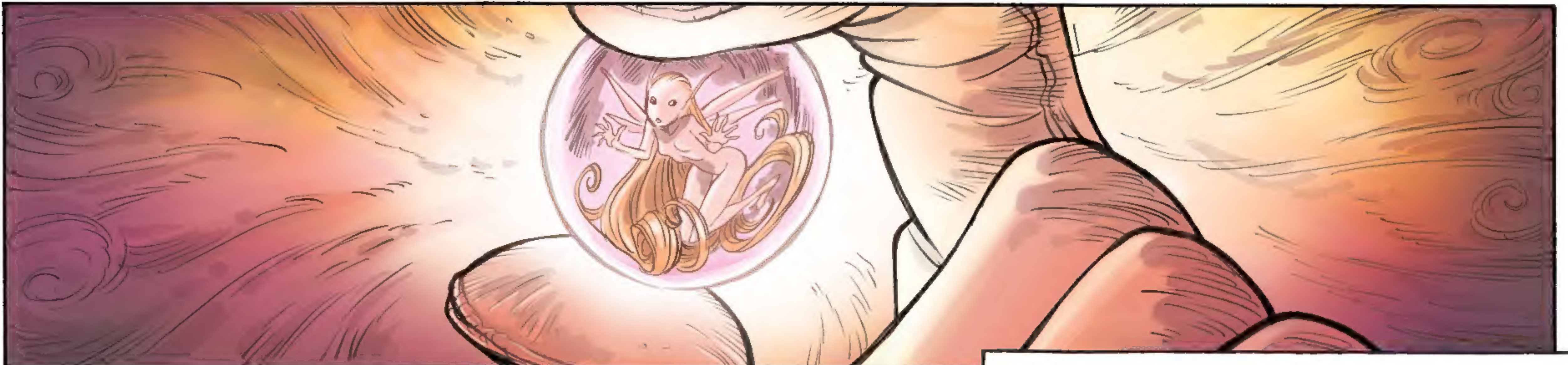


AND NOW,
MY FRIENDS,
THE MOST
EXTRRRRR-EME
SENSITIVITY IS
REQUIRED!

I'VE BEEN
WOORRRR-KING ON
THEM FOR MONTHS...



THE EXUBERANT
BUBBLES!



THIS IS INCREDIBLE!

THEY LOOK ALIVE!

WELL THEY
ARE ALIVE!

DON'T
FORGET
I AM A
GEMNNNN!

THE EXUBERANT BUBBLES ARE THE FLUXURRE OF ARRRRT!

THE GREATEST
JEWELERS WILL FIGHT
TO GET THEM!

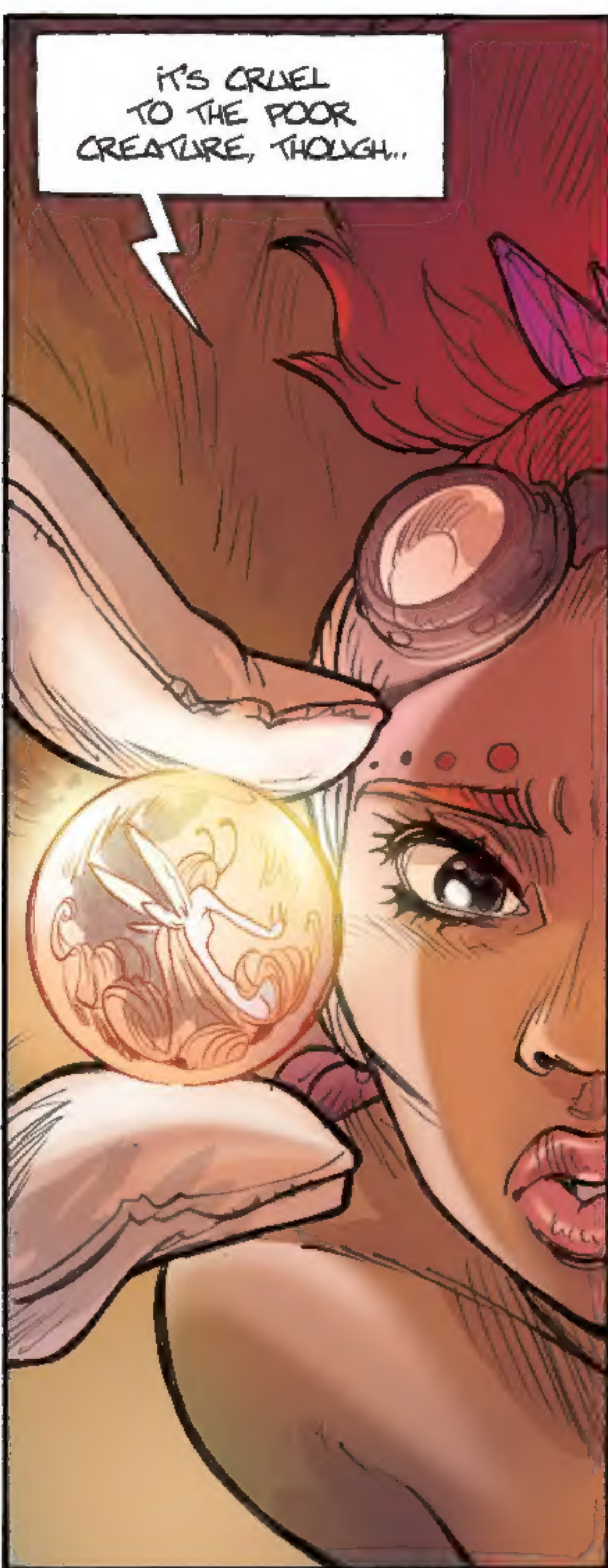


IT'S CRUEL
TO THE POOR
CREATURE, THOUGH...

I HAVE DISTILLED THE VOID
TO CREATE THESE BEINGS!
I HAVE FORRRR-GED BEAUTY!

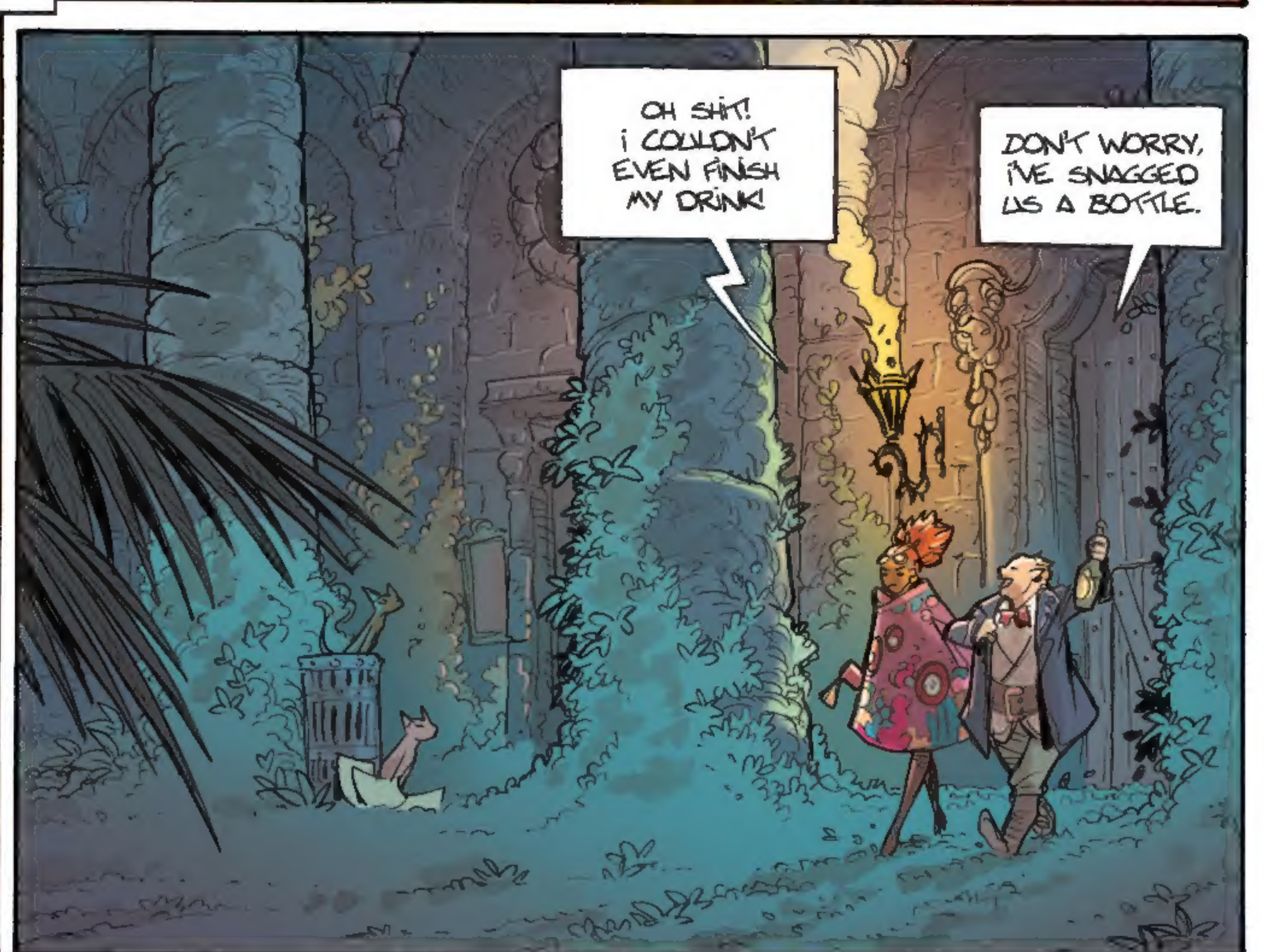
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
ARRRRRT! GET OUT!

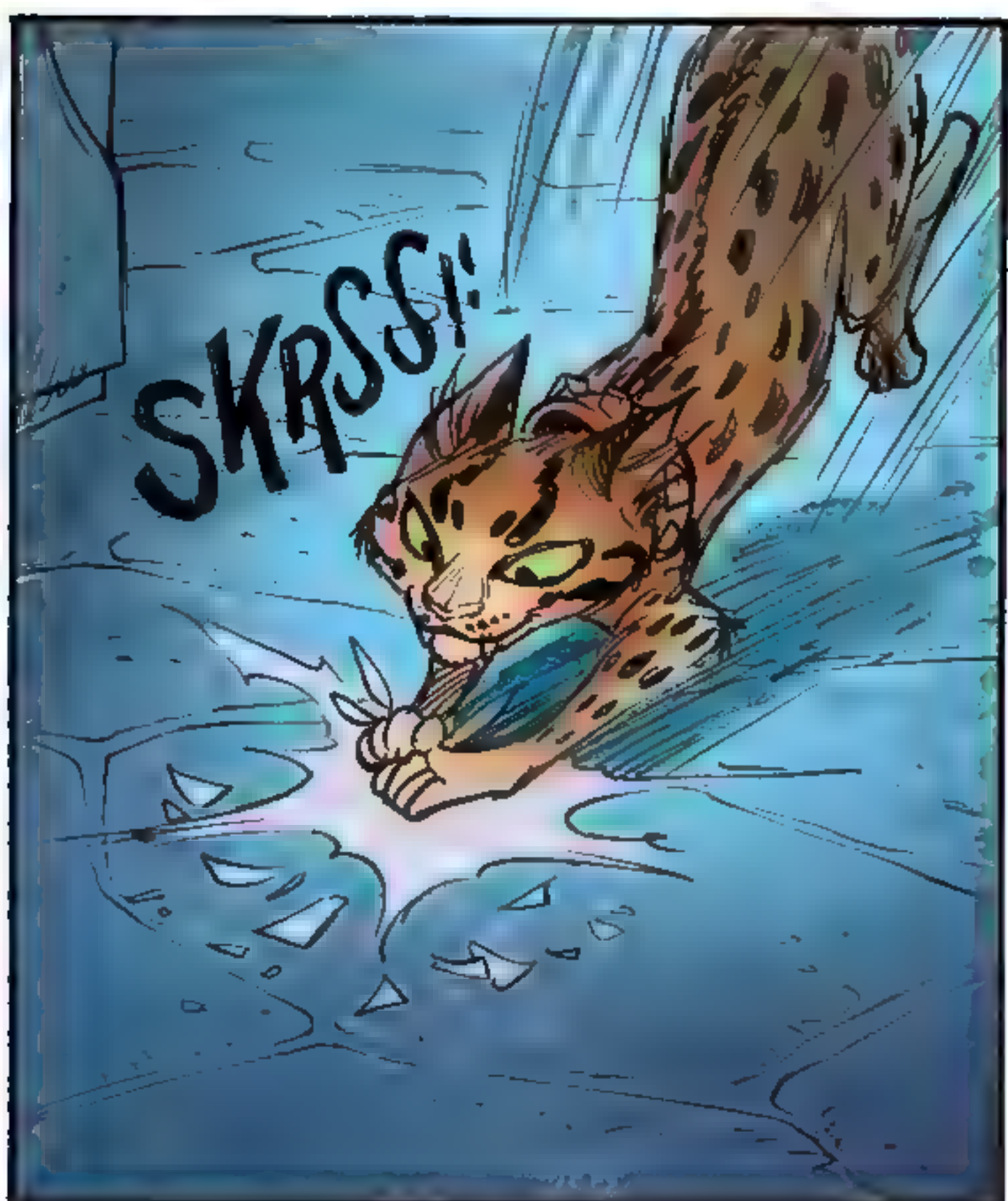
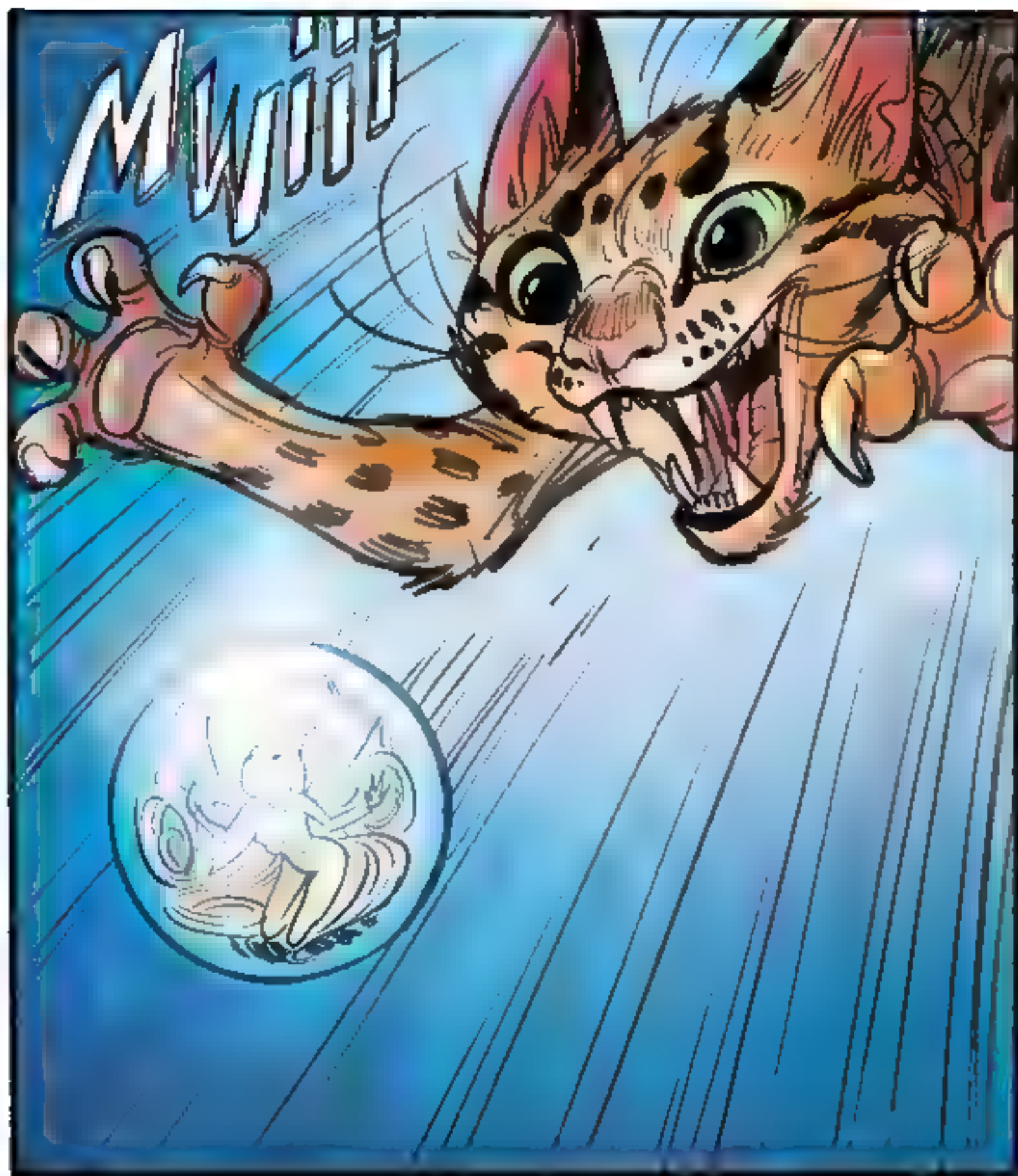
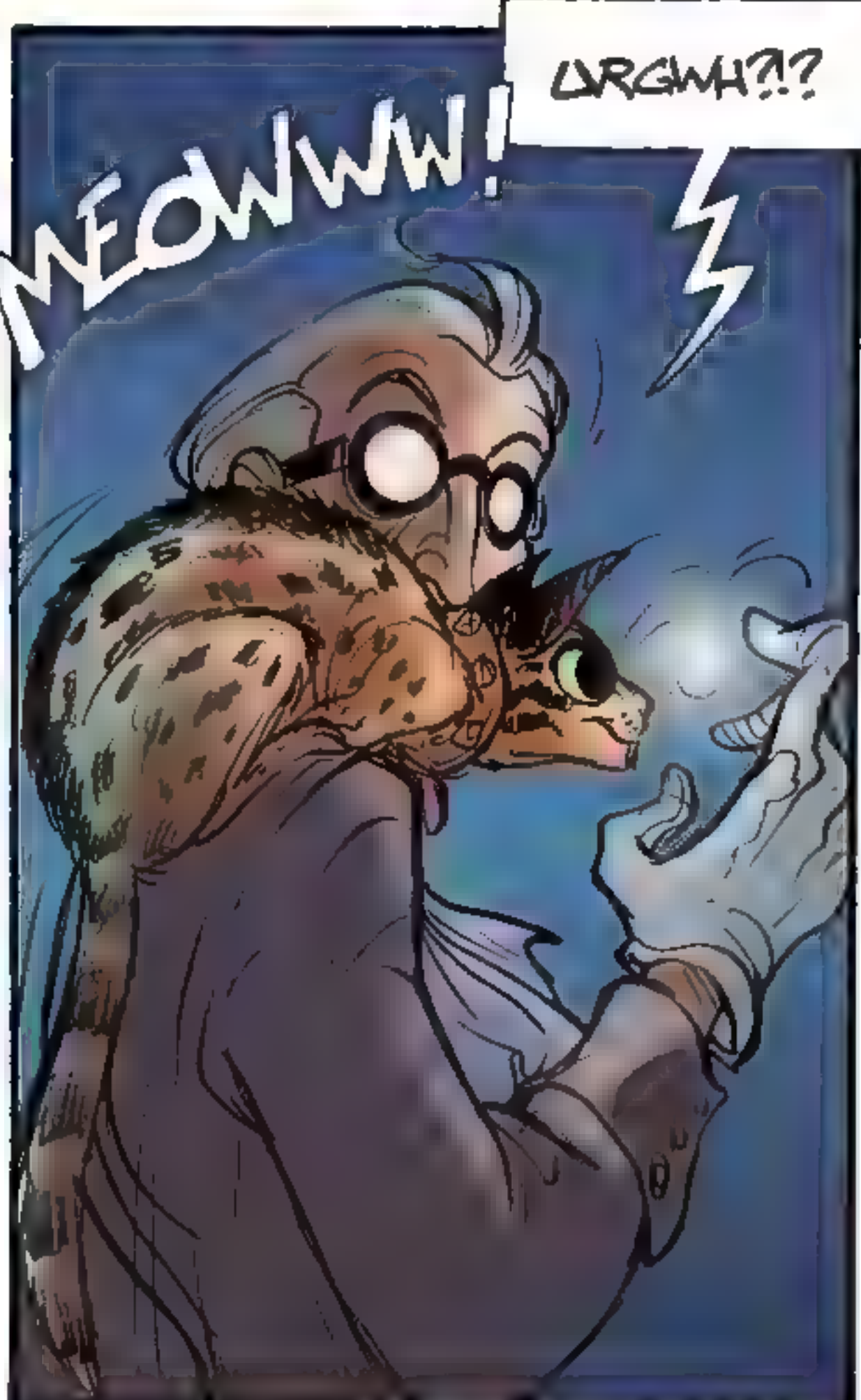
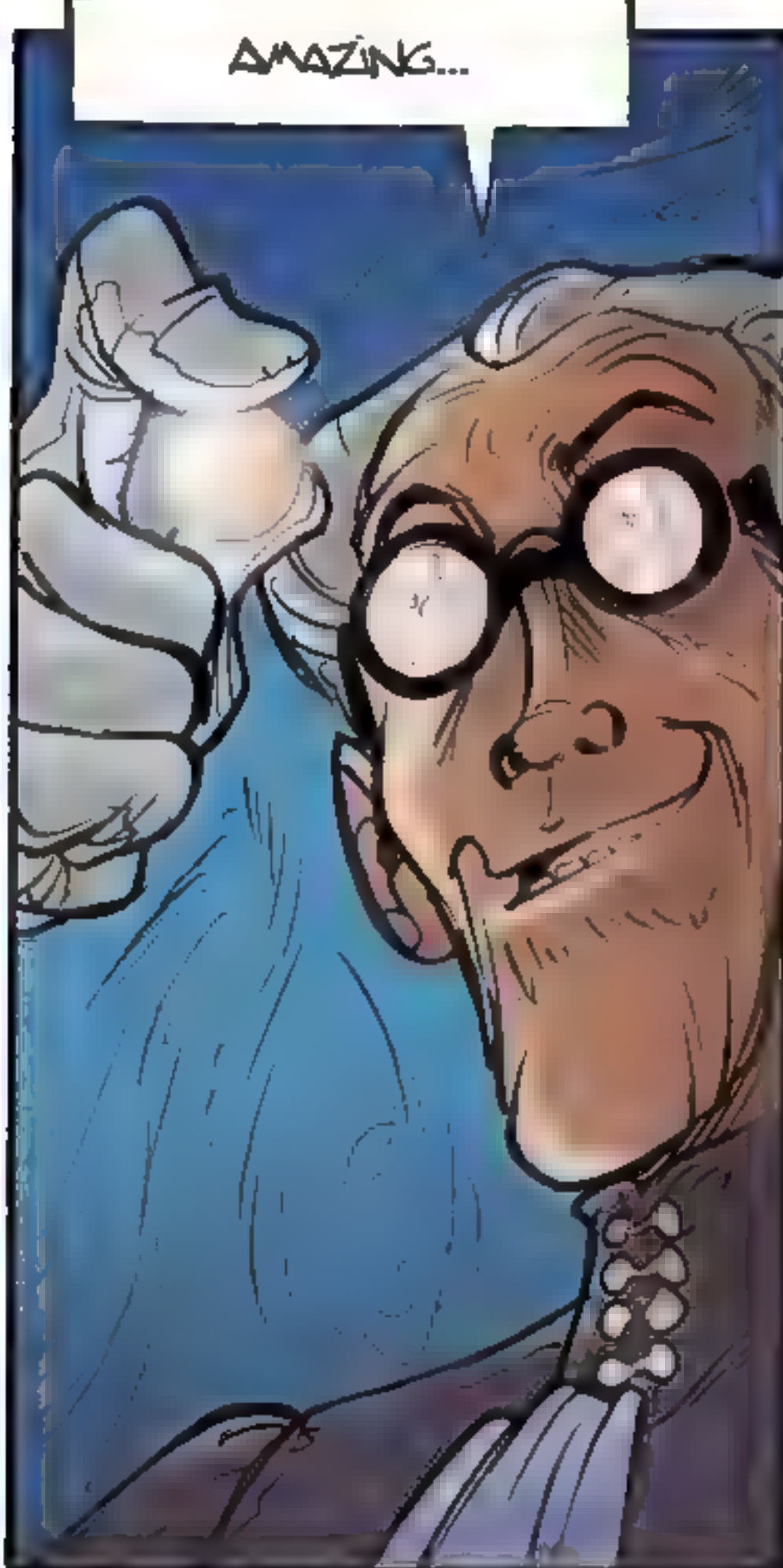
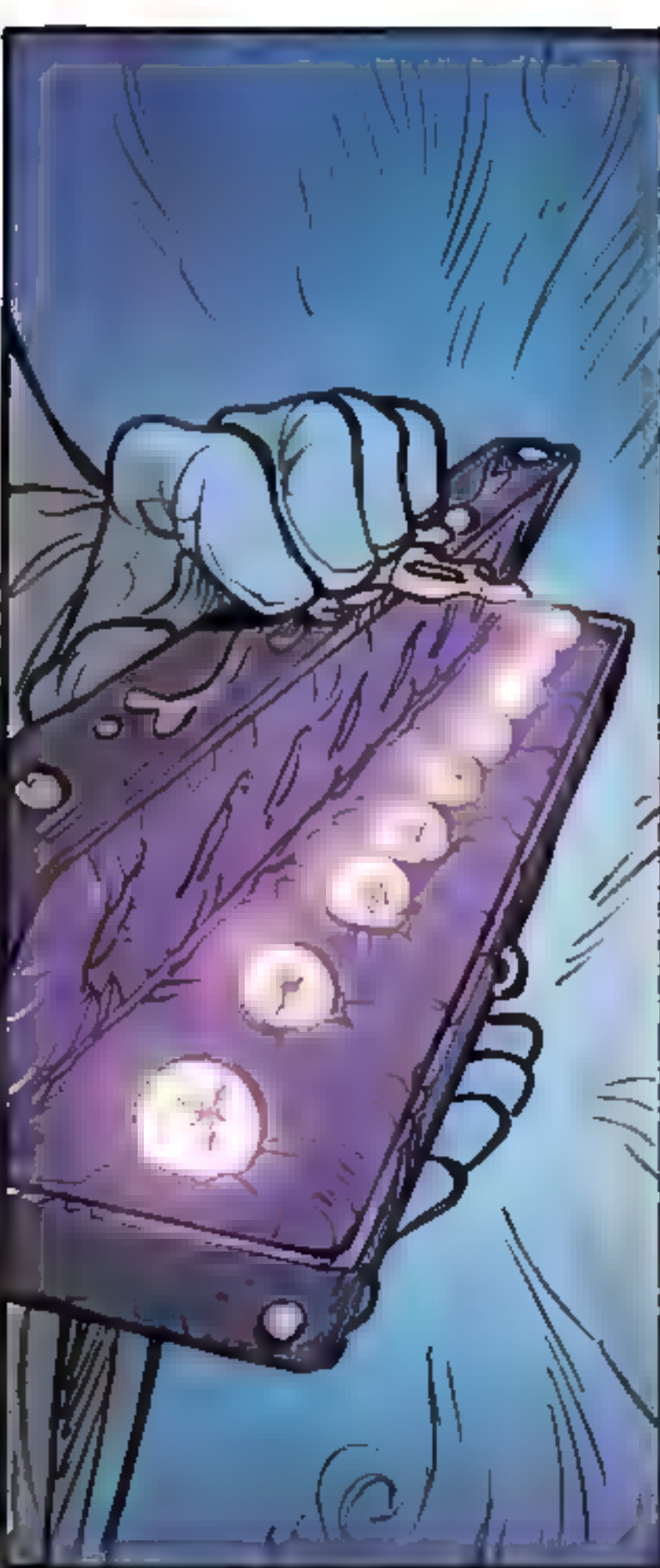
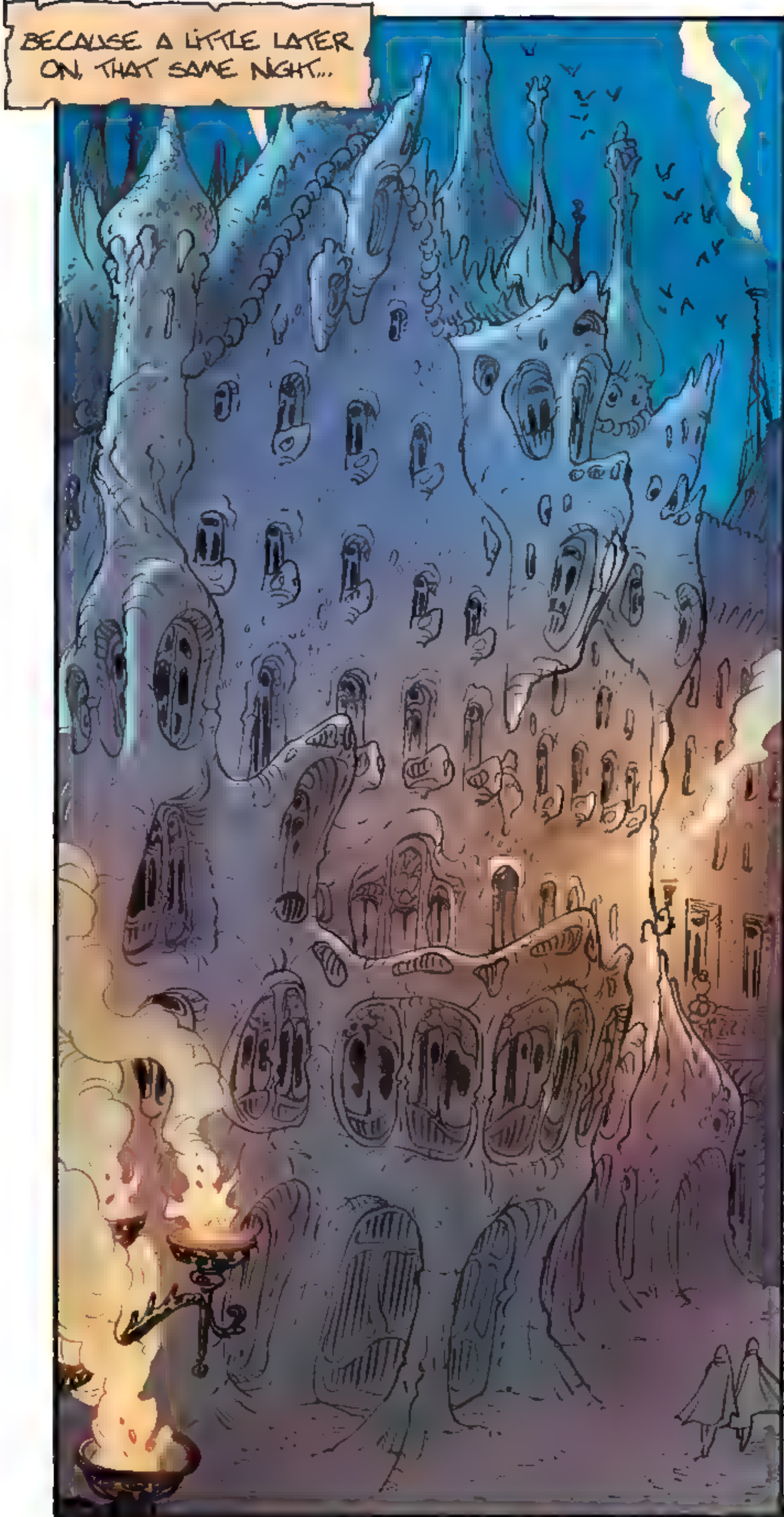
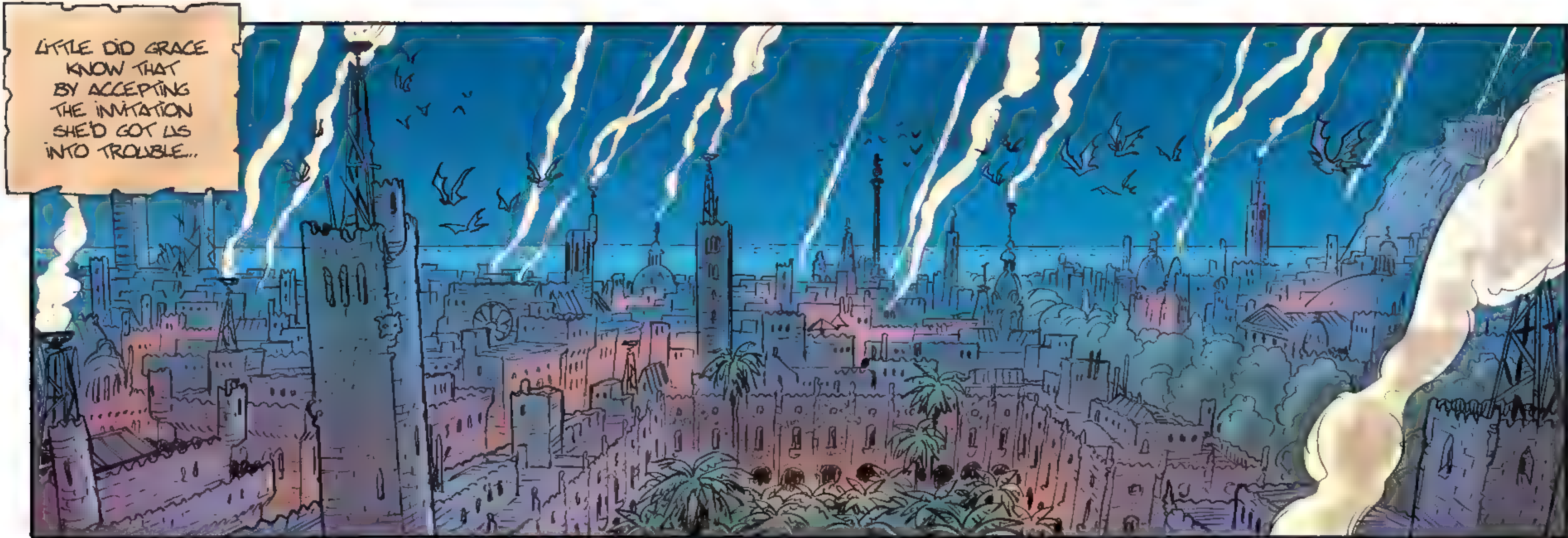
BEAUTY LOOKS
QUITE BORED
IN THERE!



OH SHIT!
I COULDN'T
EVEN FINISH
MY DRINK!

DON'T WORRY,
I'VE SNAGGED
US A BOTTLE.







WARM! NO!



GLOUP



NASTY ANIMAL!
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'VE DONE!



NOW LET DADDY
WORK! SHOO!



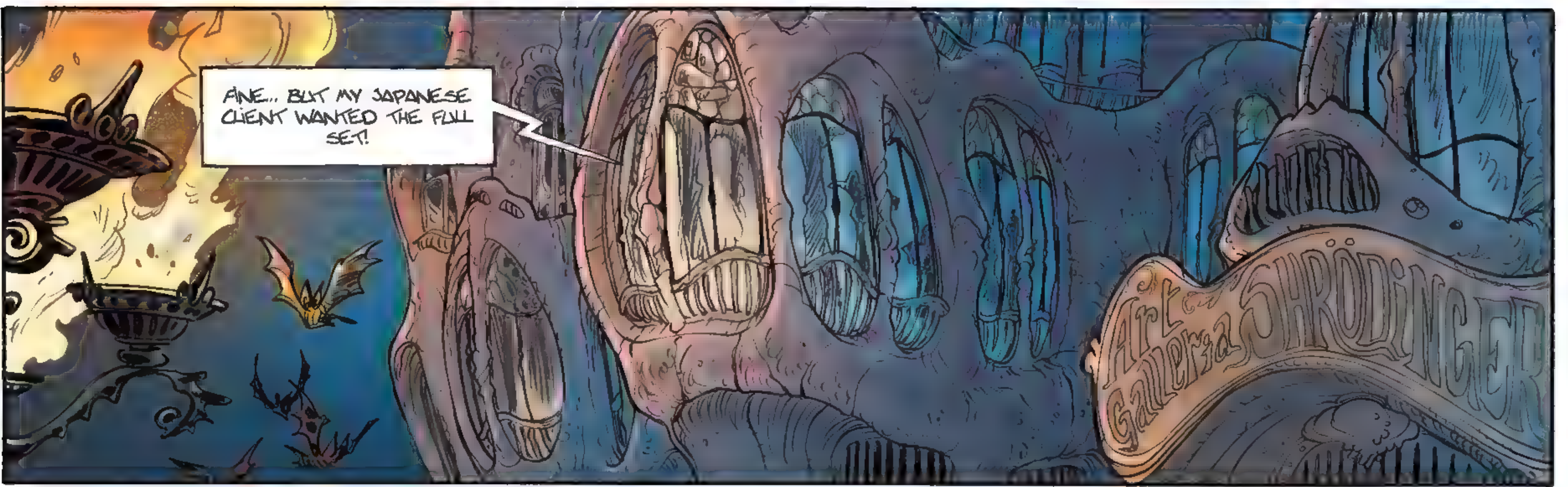
CLACK

MIIU

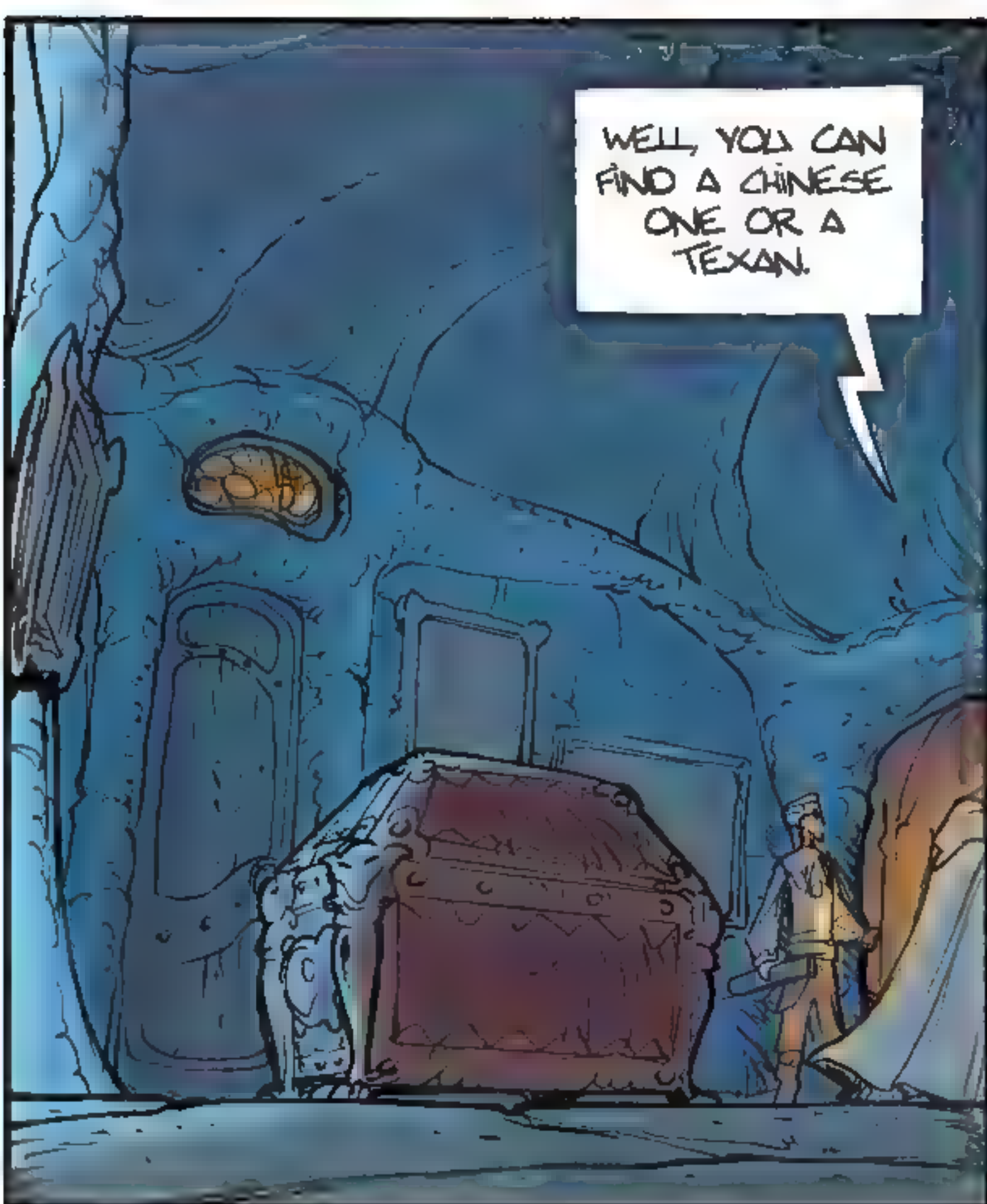


HERE'S
THE MONEY
FOR THE EIGHT
BUBBLES.

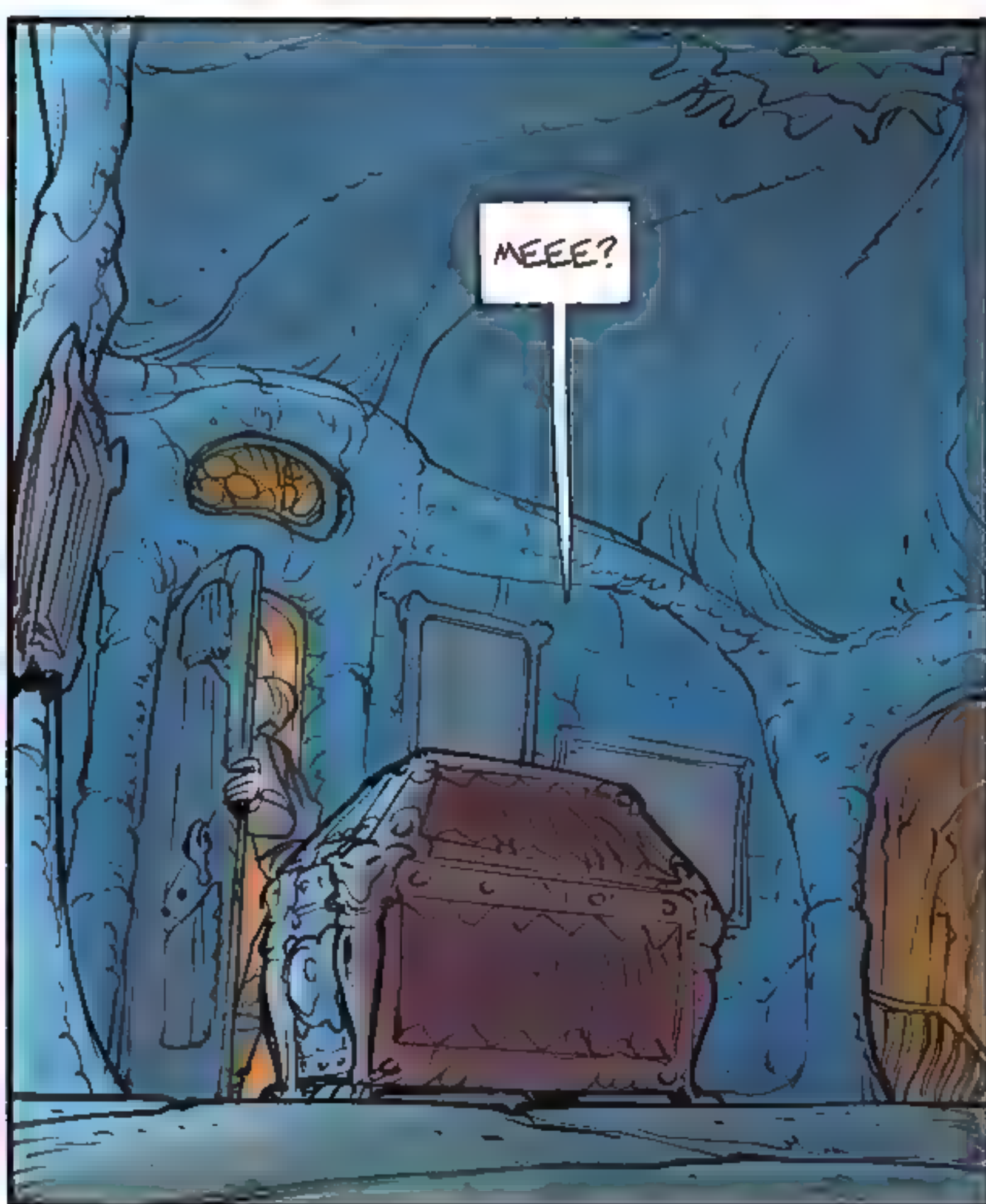
I GOT YOU NINE OF
THEM. THE ONE
THAT YOUR CAT
ATE ISN'T
MY PROBLEM.
ADD A WAD.



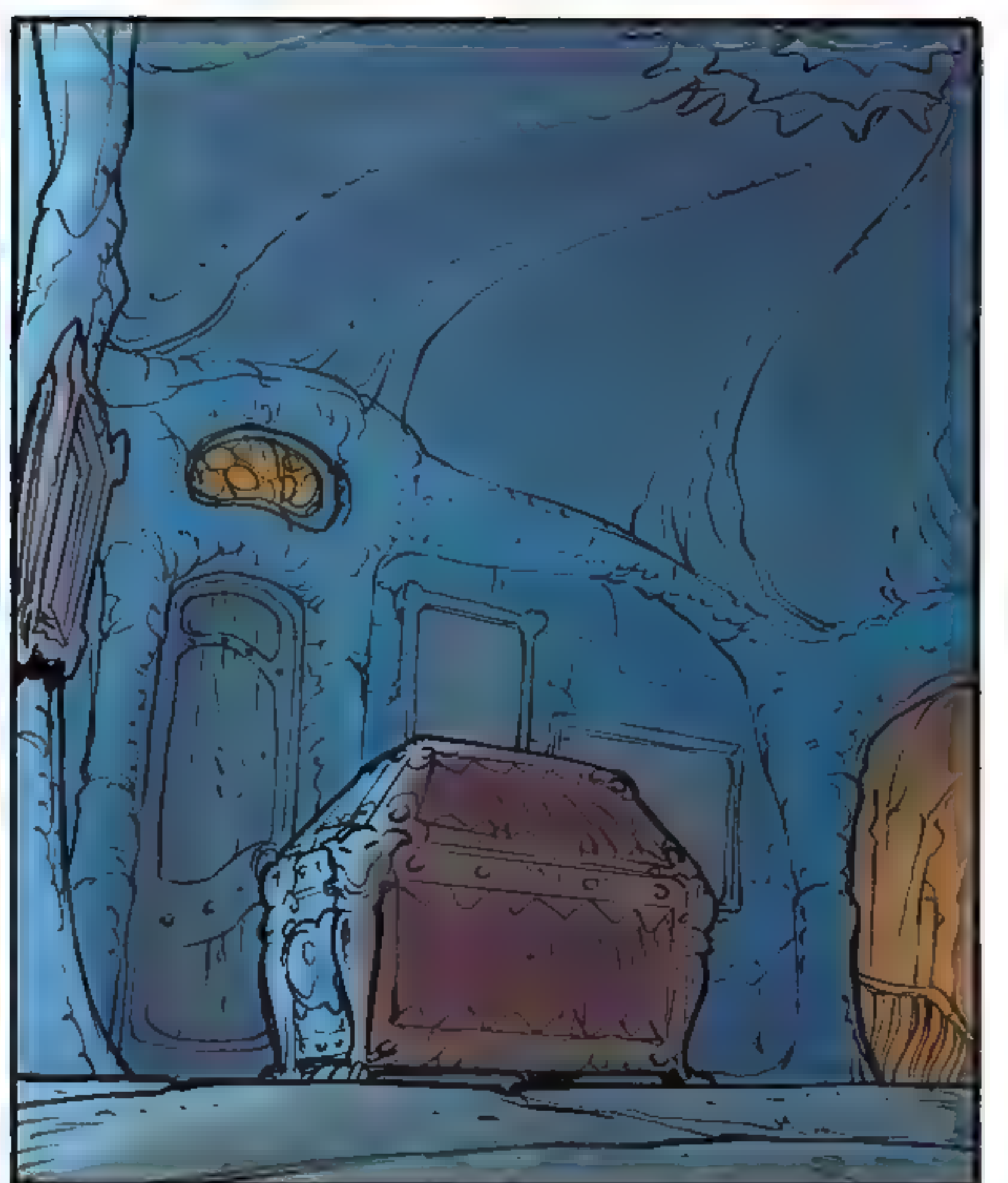
AHE... BUT MY JAPANESE
CLIENT WANTED THE FULL
SET!

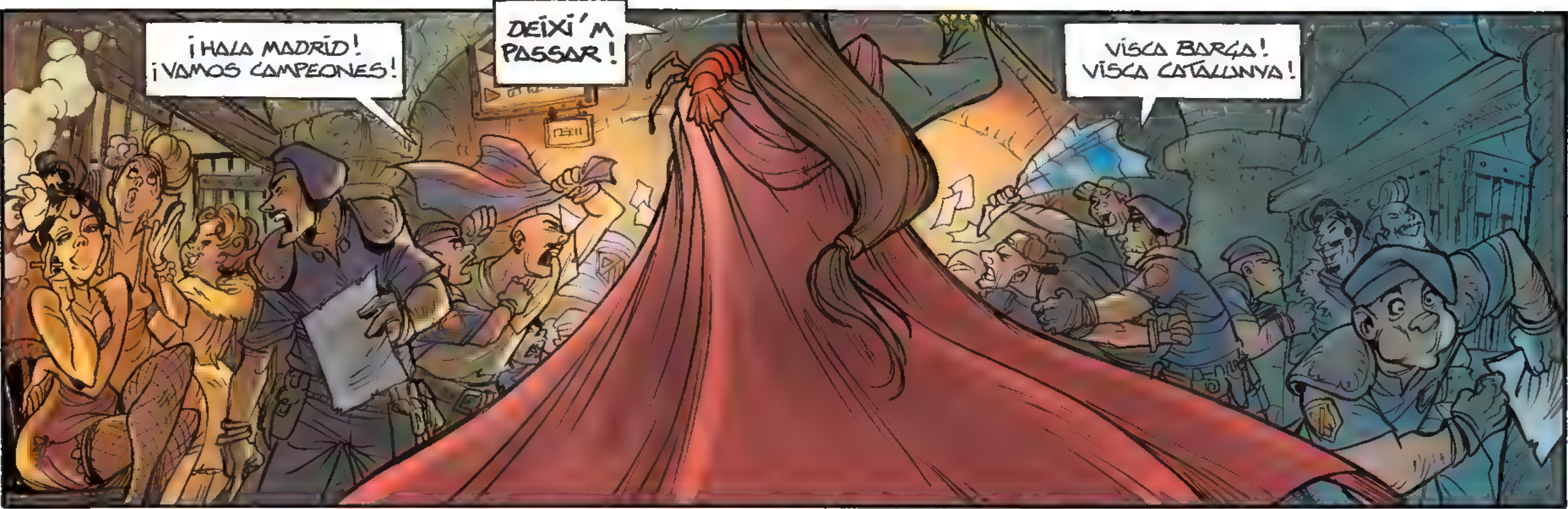
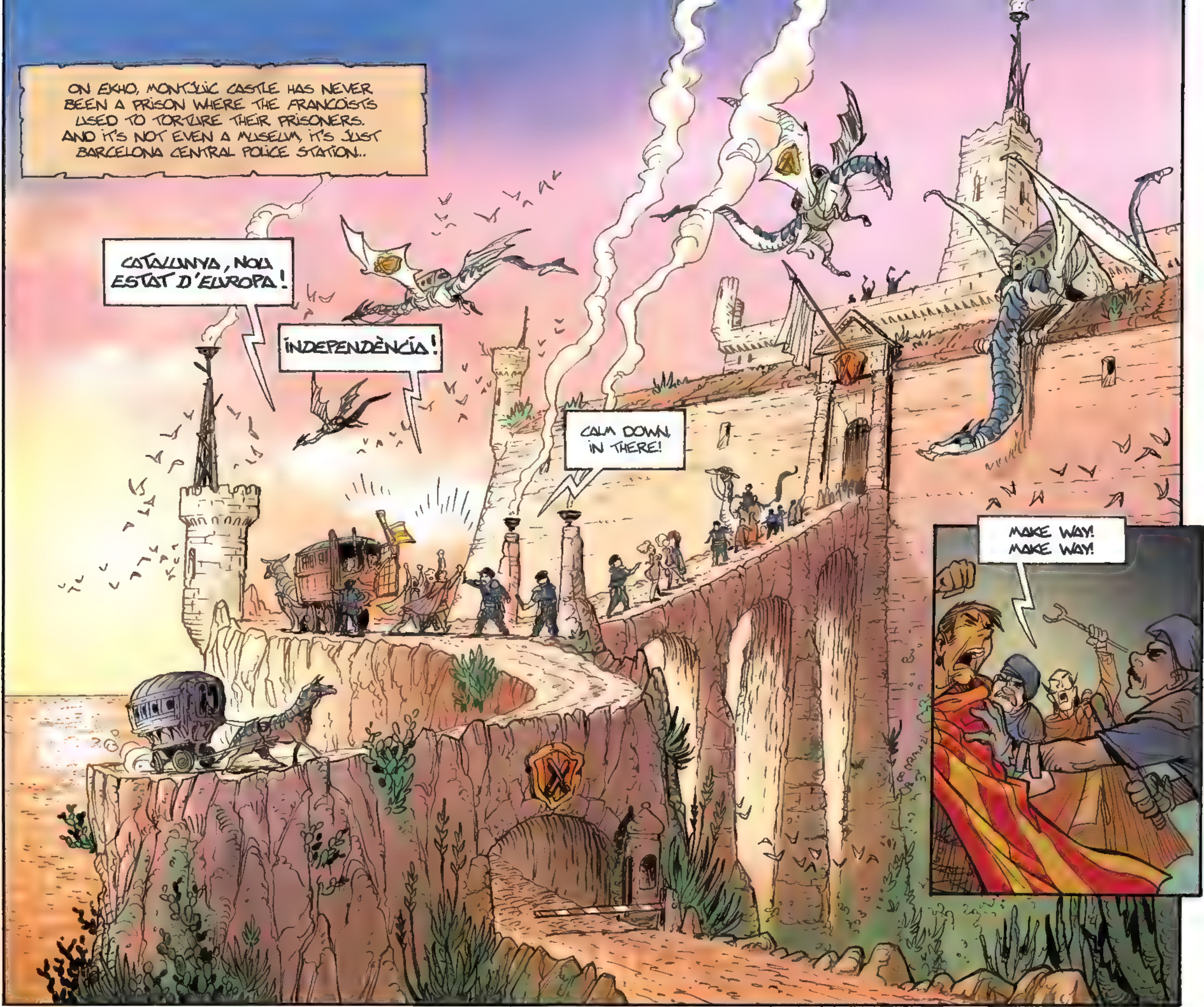


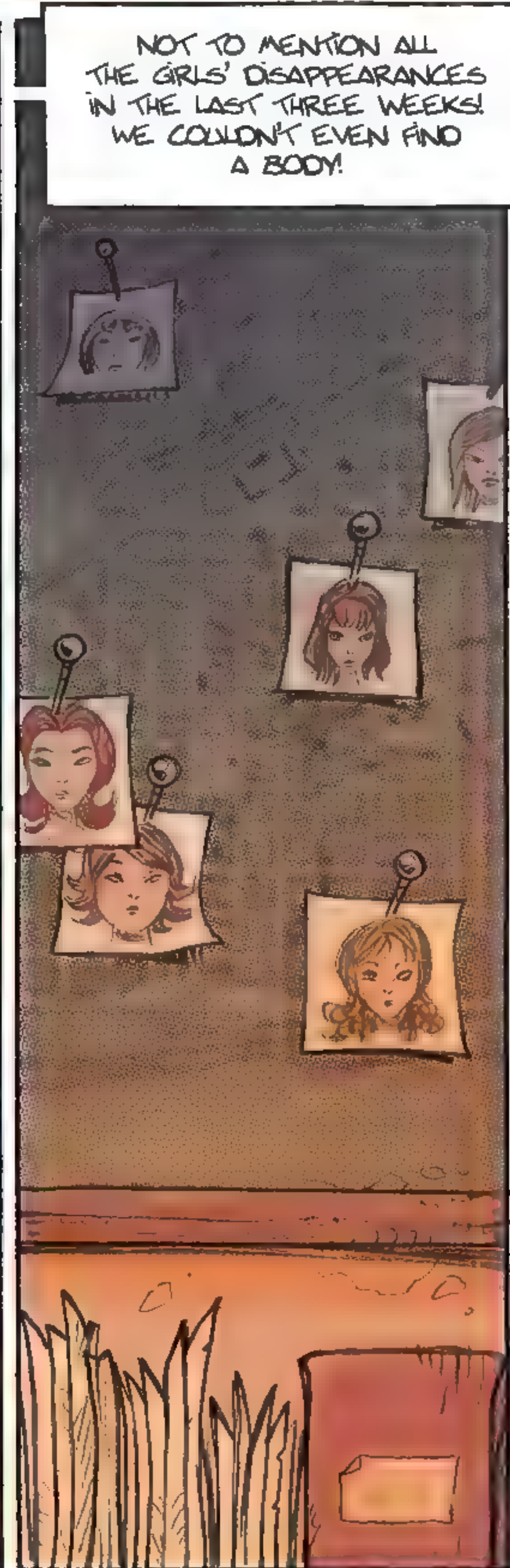
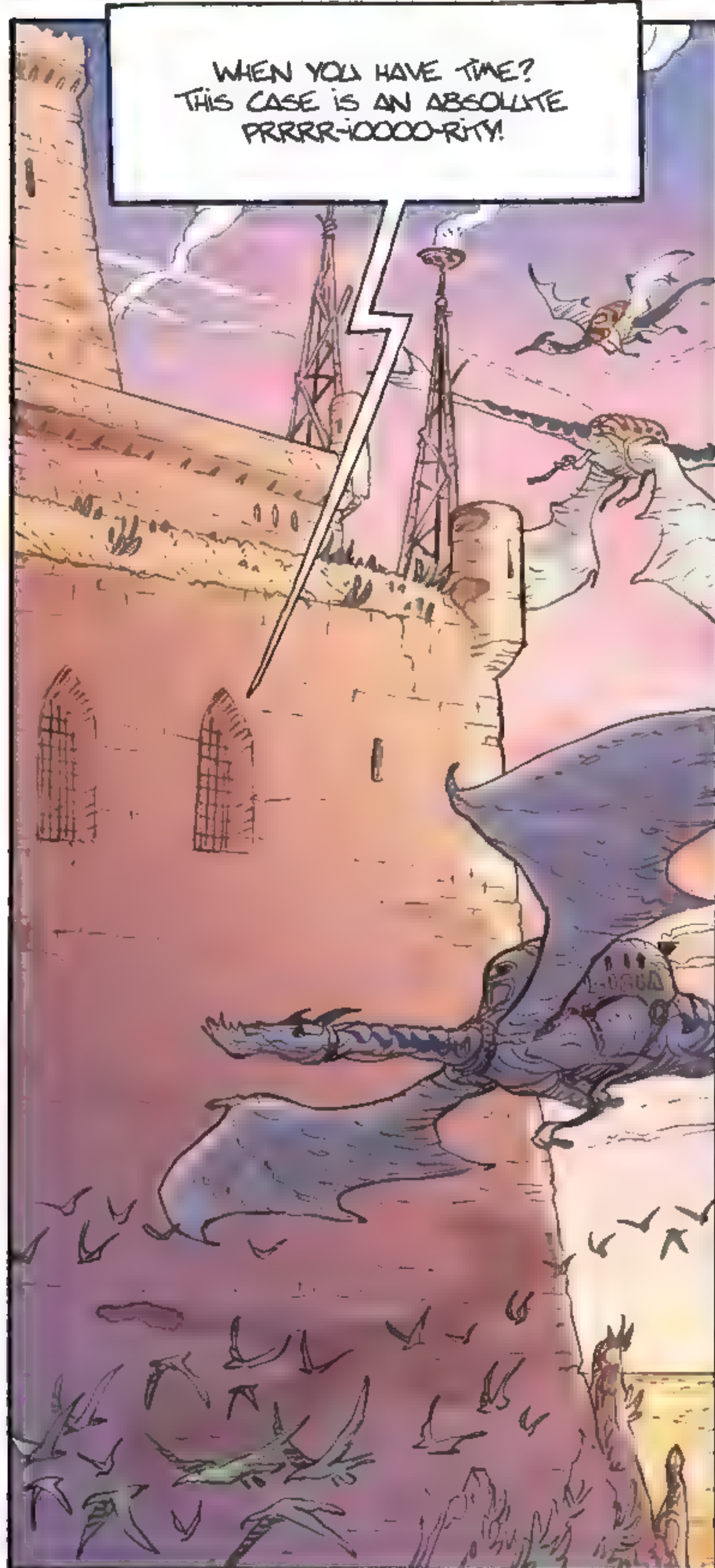
WELL, YOU CAN
FIND A CHINESE
ONE OR A
TEXAN.



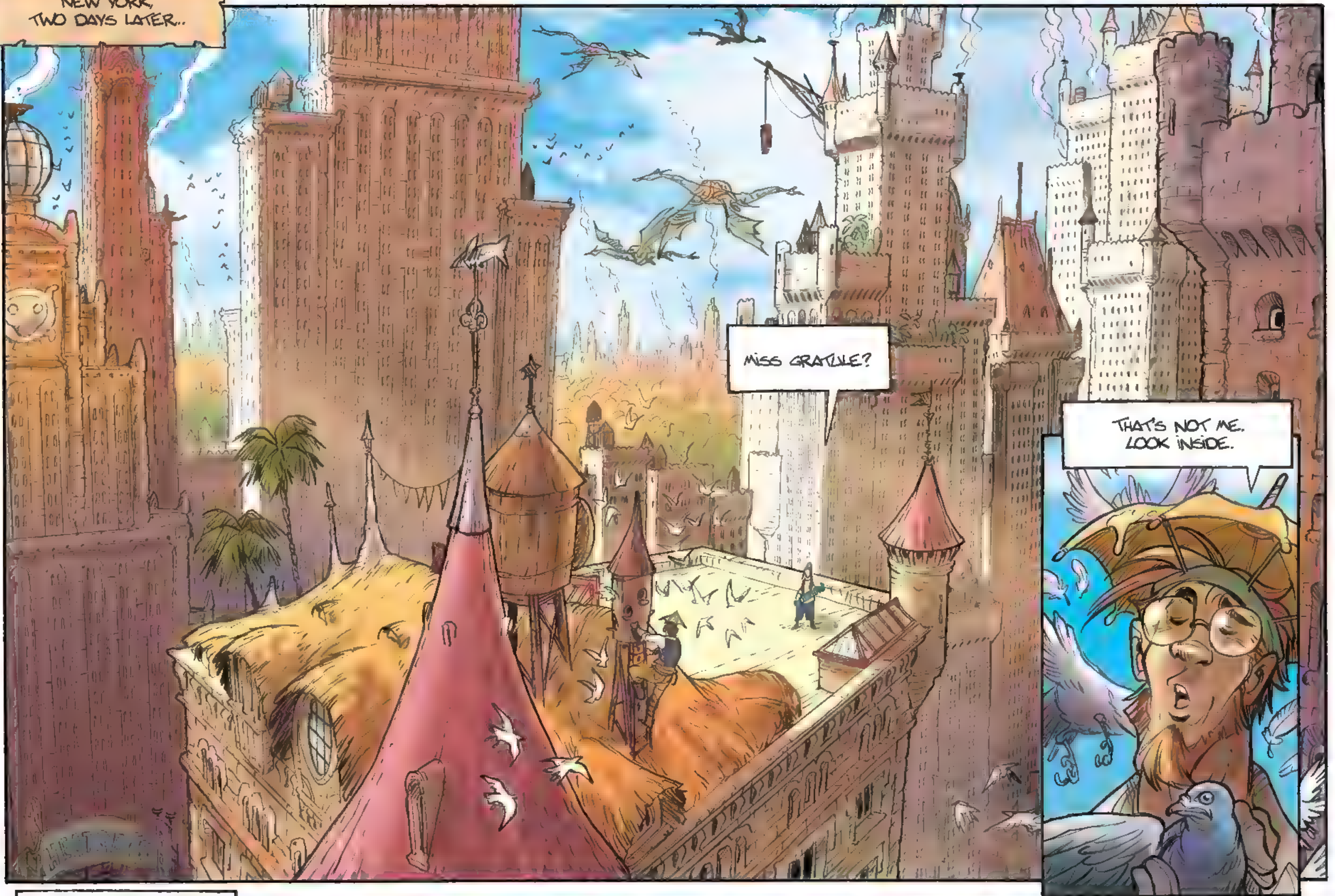
MEEE?





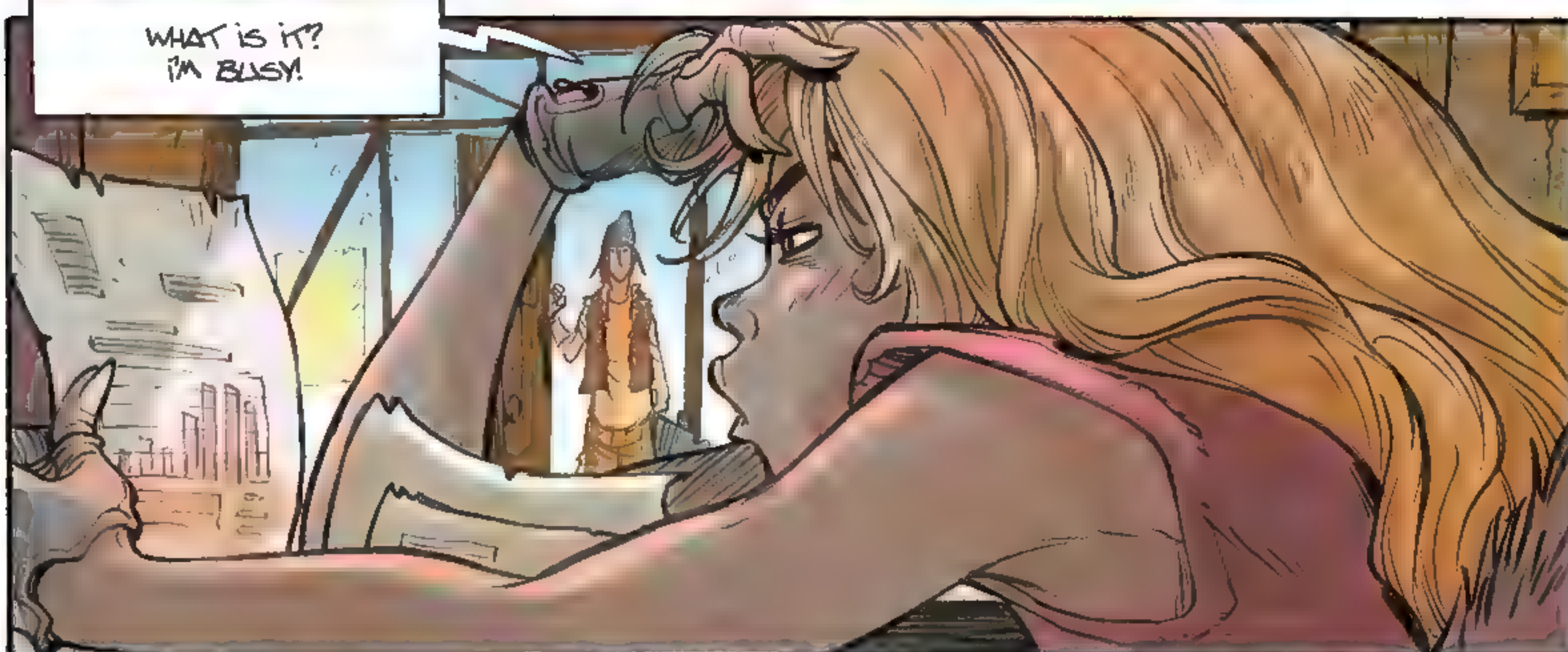


NEW YORK
TWO DAYS LATER...



THAT'S NOT ME.
LOOK INSIDE.

WHAT IS IT?
I'M BLUSH!



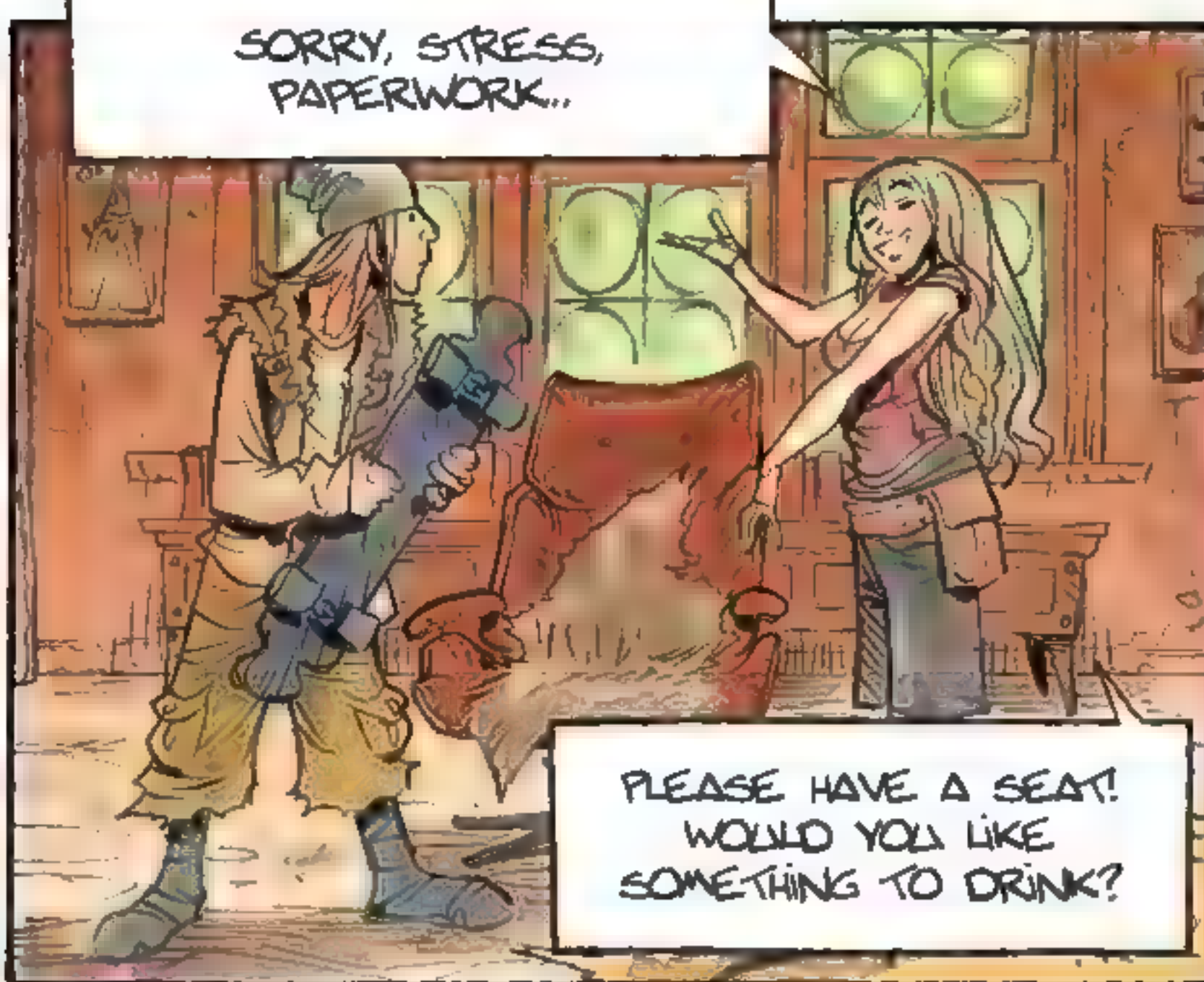
IF THAT'S HOW
YOU WELCOME
YOUR CLIENTS,
I CAN SEE WHY
YOU'RE HAVING
ISSUES!



YOU'RE A
CLIENT???



SORRY, STRESS,
PAPERWORK..



PLEASE HAVE A SEAT!
WOULD YOU LIKE
SOMETHING TO DRINK?

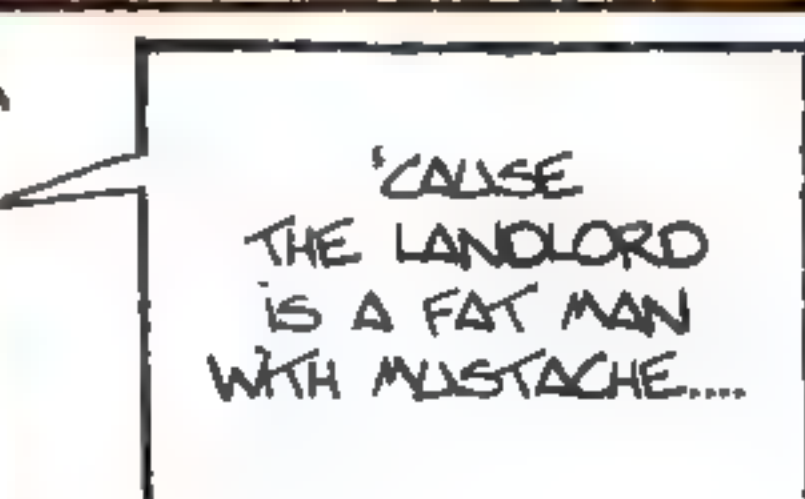
ACTUALLY,
I'M NOT A CLIENT,
I'M THE LANDLORD.



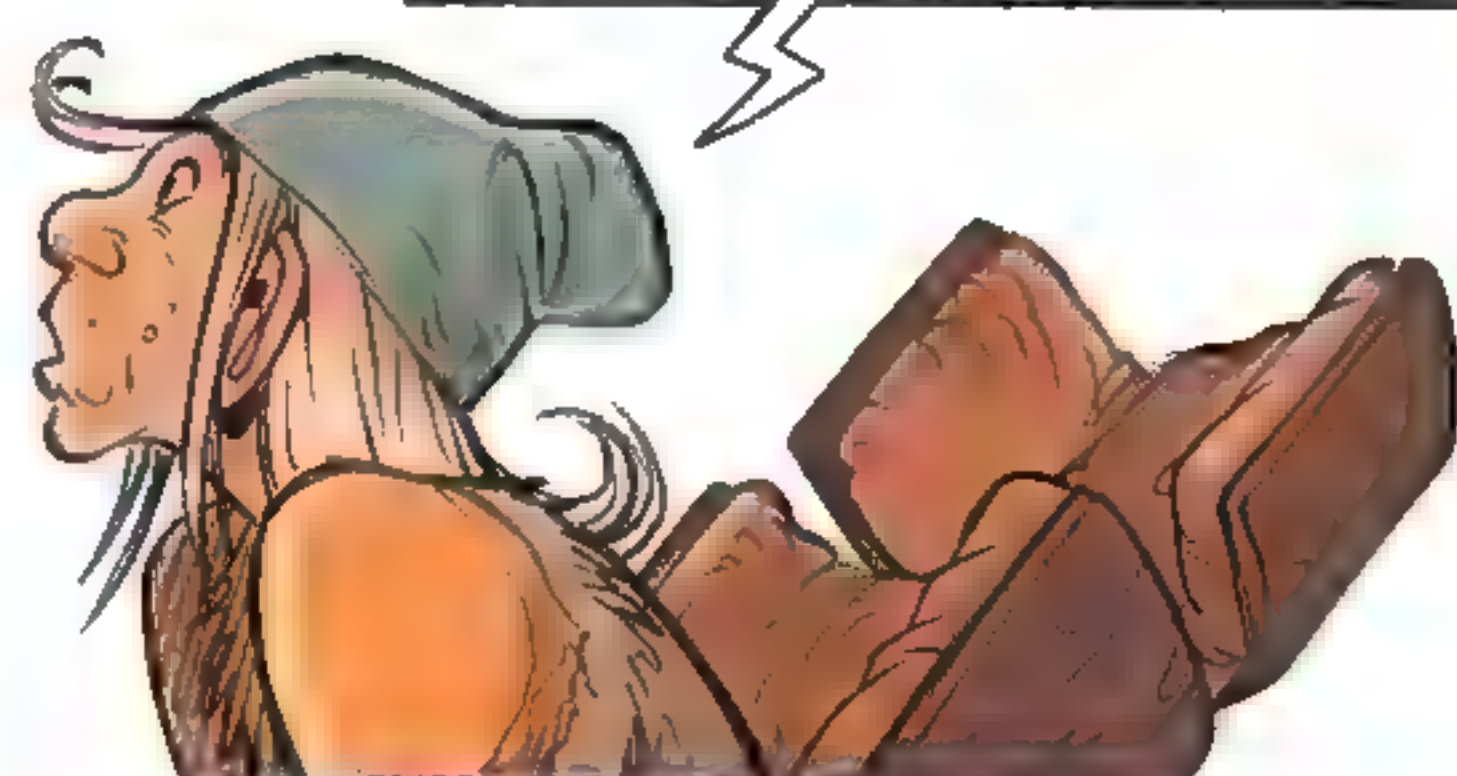
ARE YOU SURE? ...



'CAUSE
THE LANDLORD
IS A FAT MAN
WITH MUSTACHE....



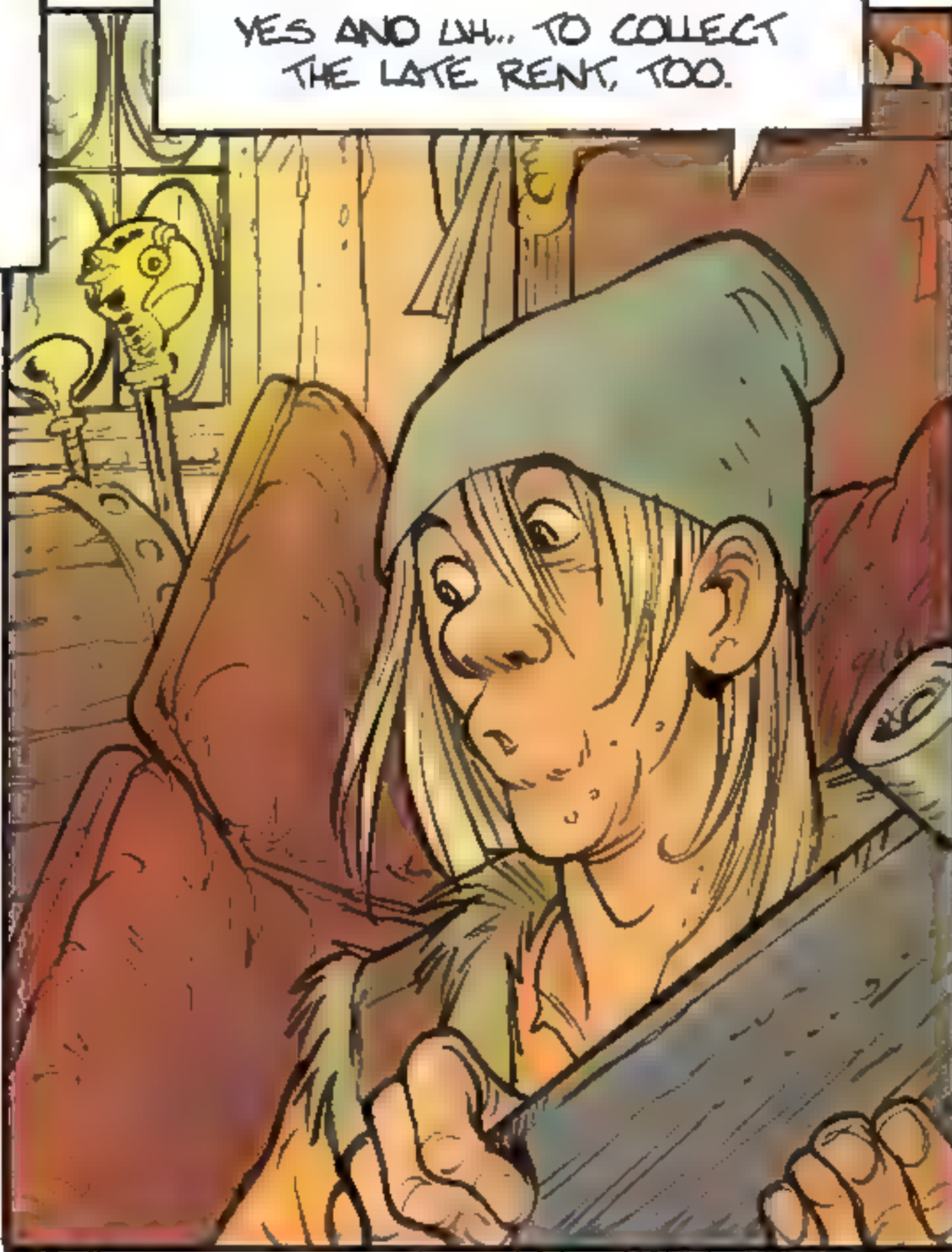
YES, MY DAD. BUT HE DIED, AND
I INHERITED. DIDN'T MOTAFILME
& MOTAFILME INFORM YOU?





NO, THE FRESHAINS
USUALLY SHOW
UP JUST WHEN
WE DON'T NEED
THEM...

SO, DID YOU COME
TO INTRODUCE
YOURSELF?



YES AND UH... TO COLLECT
THE LATE RENT, TOO.



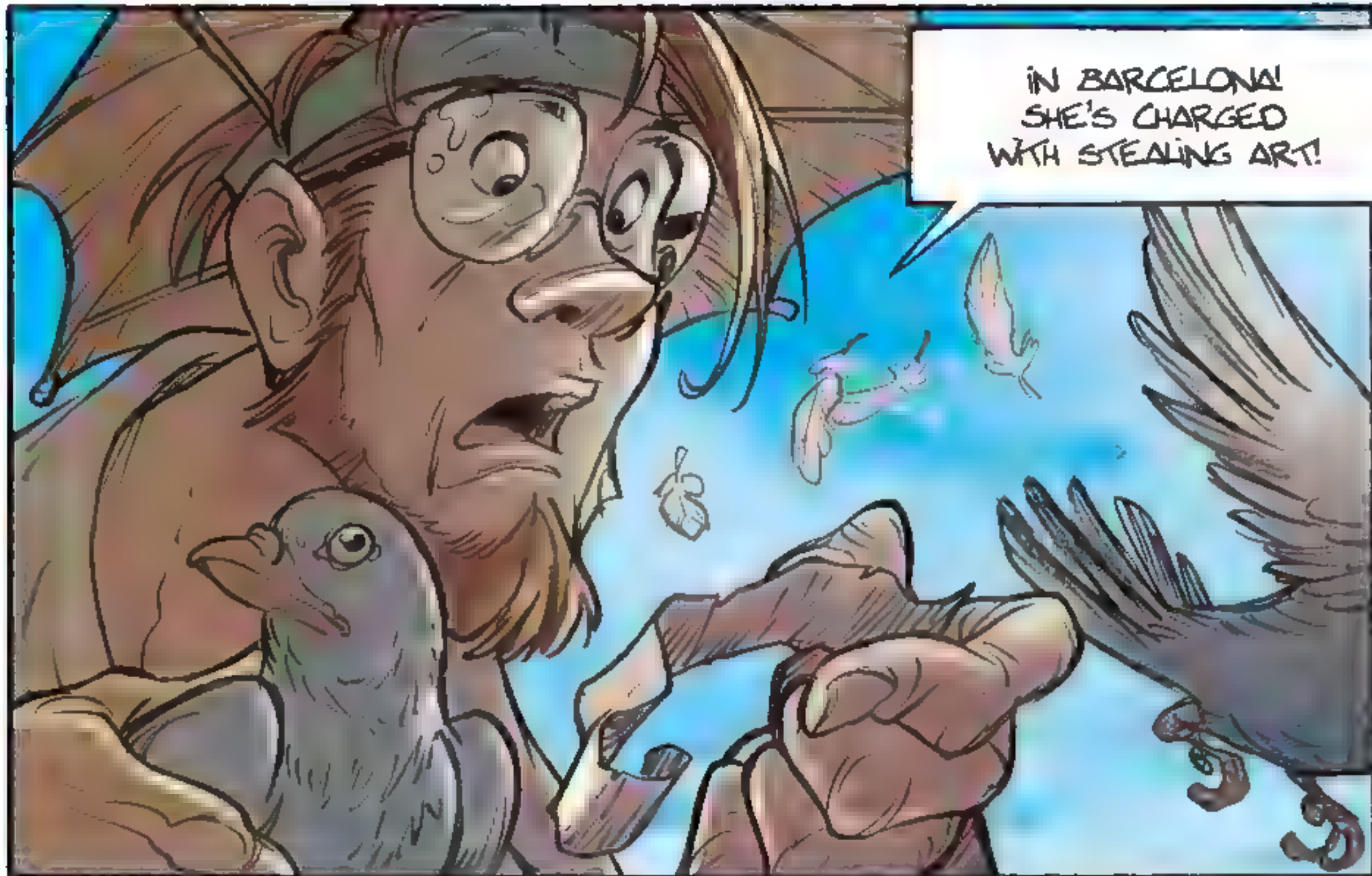
YOU'VE NOT PAID RENT
IN SIX MONTHS NOW!

ALREADY?
WHERE'S ALL
THE TIME
GONE?!

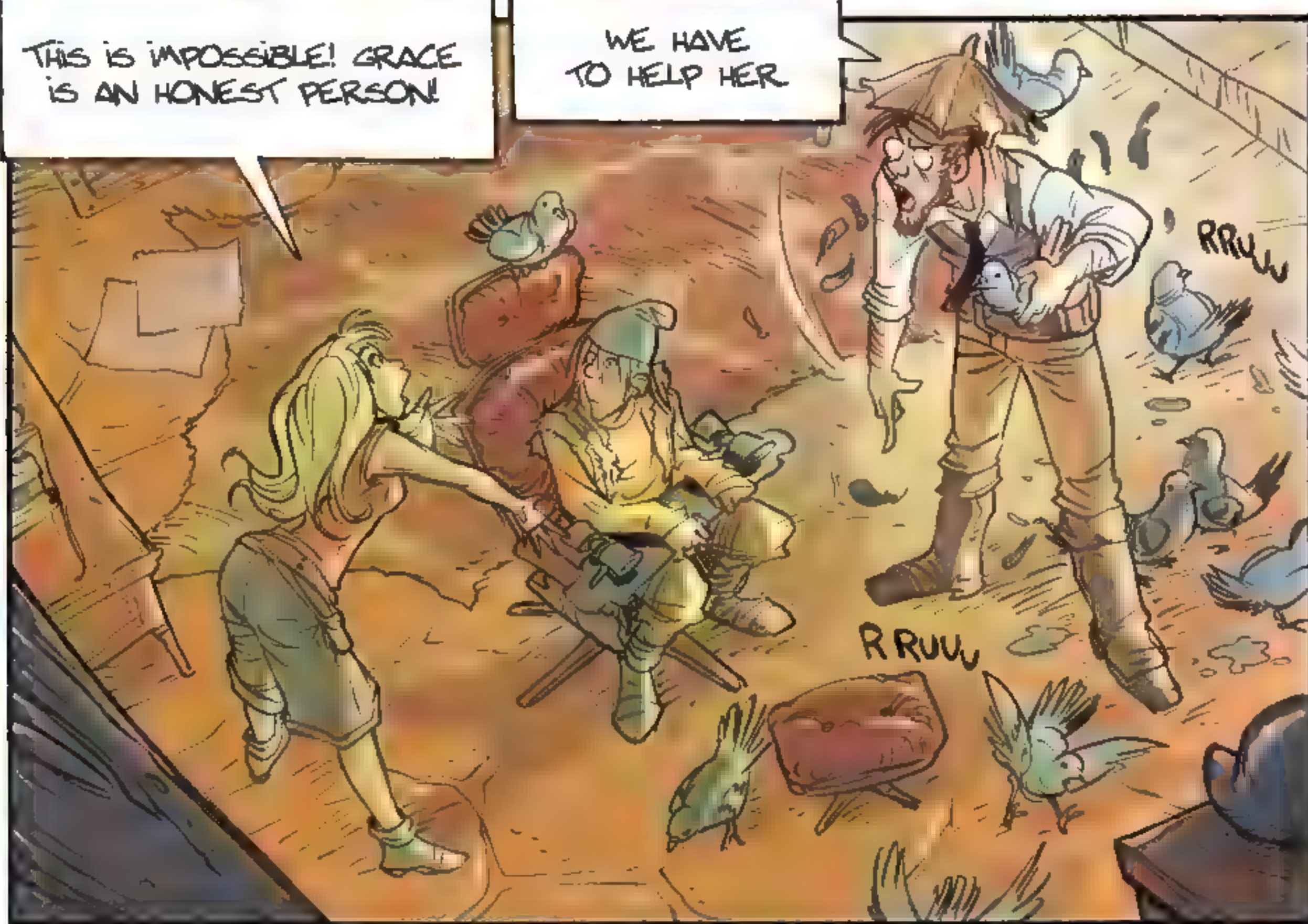


FOURVILLE! GRACE
IS IN PRISON!

WHAT???



IN BARCELONA!
SHE'S CHARGED
WITH STEALING ART!



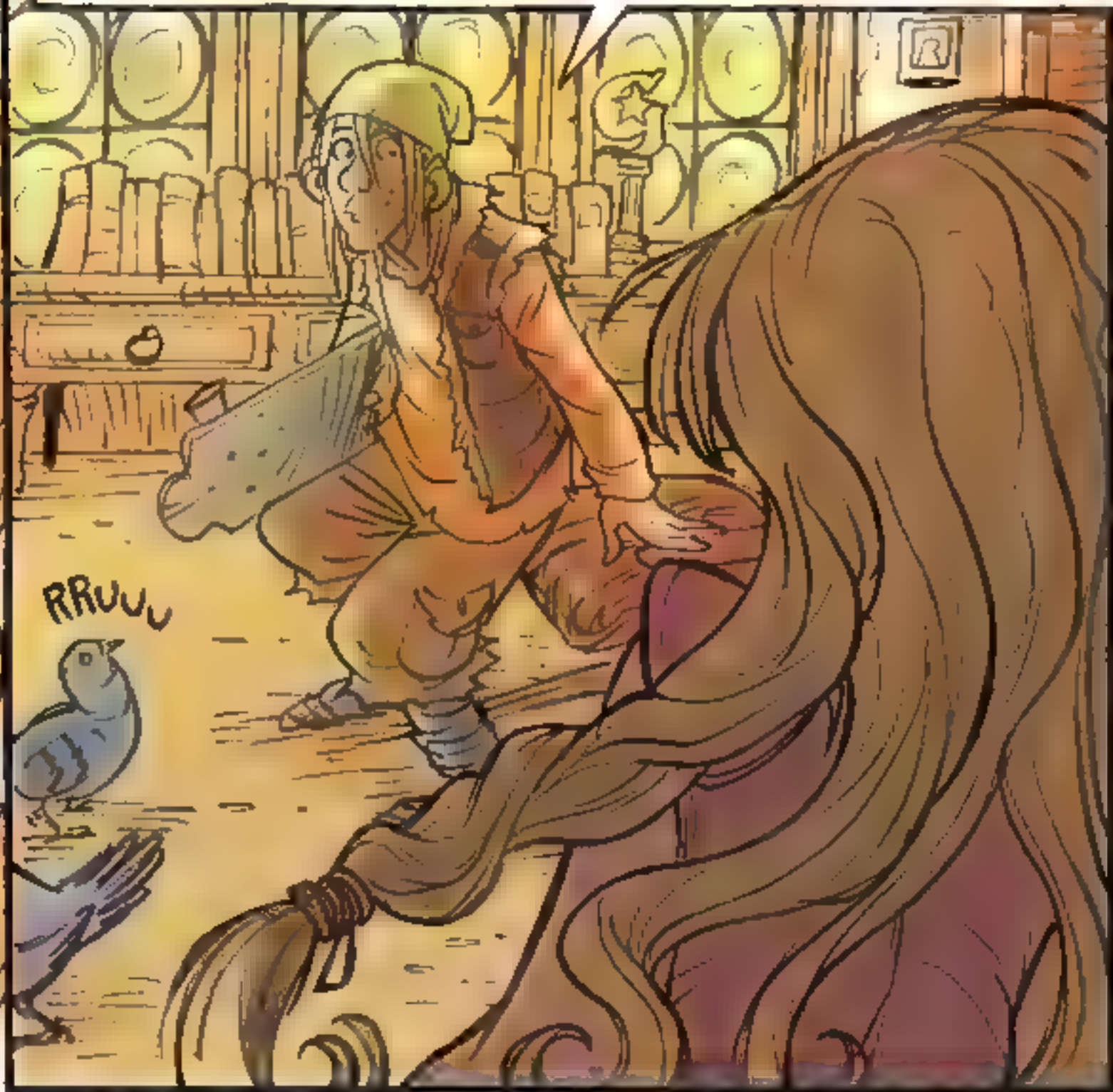
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! GRACE
IS AN HONEST PERSON!

WE HAVE
TO HELP HER.

YES, BUT HOW ARE
WE GOING TO PAY
THE FLIGHT TO
BARCELONA?
WE CAN'T EVEN
AFFORD A BAGEL!



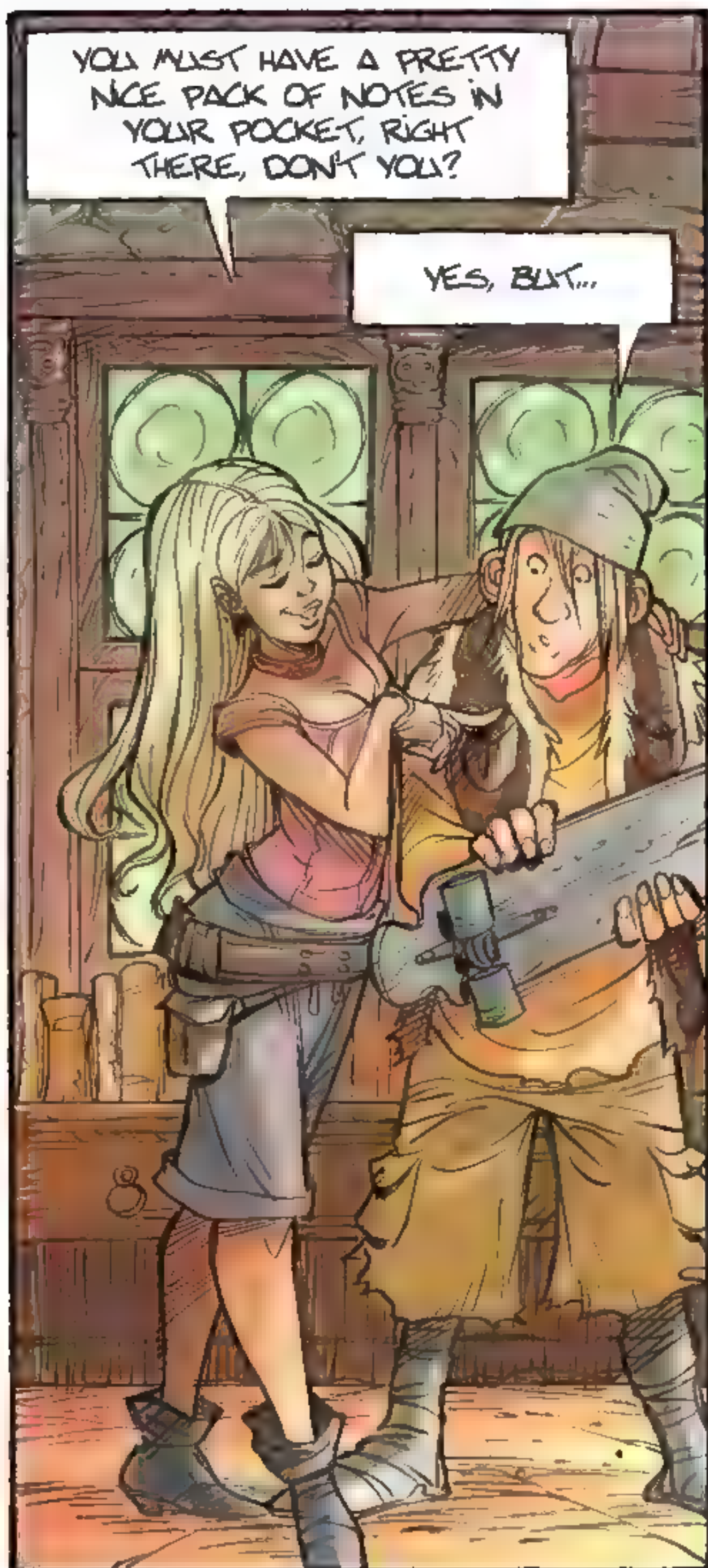
HUM... I'M SORRY FOR YOU, BUT WHAT DO
WE DO ABOUT THE RENT? I HAVE TO
CONTINUE MY ROUNDS!



OH YES, RIGHT! YOU OWN A LOT
OF APARTMENTS NOW, RIGHT?



UH...
YES...



YOU MUST HAVE A PRETTY NICE PACK OF NOTES IN YOUR POCKET, RIGHT THERE, DON'T YOU?

YES, BUT...



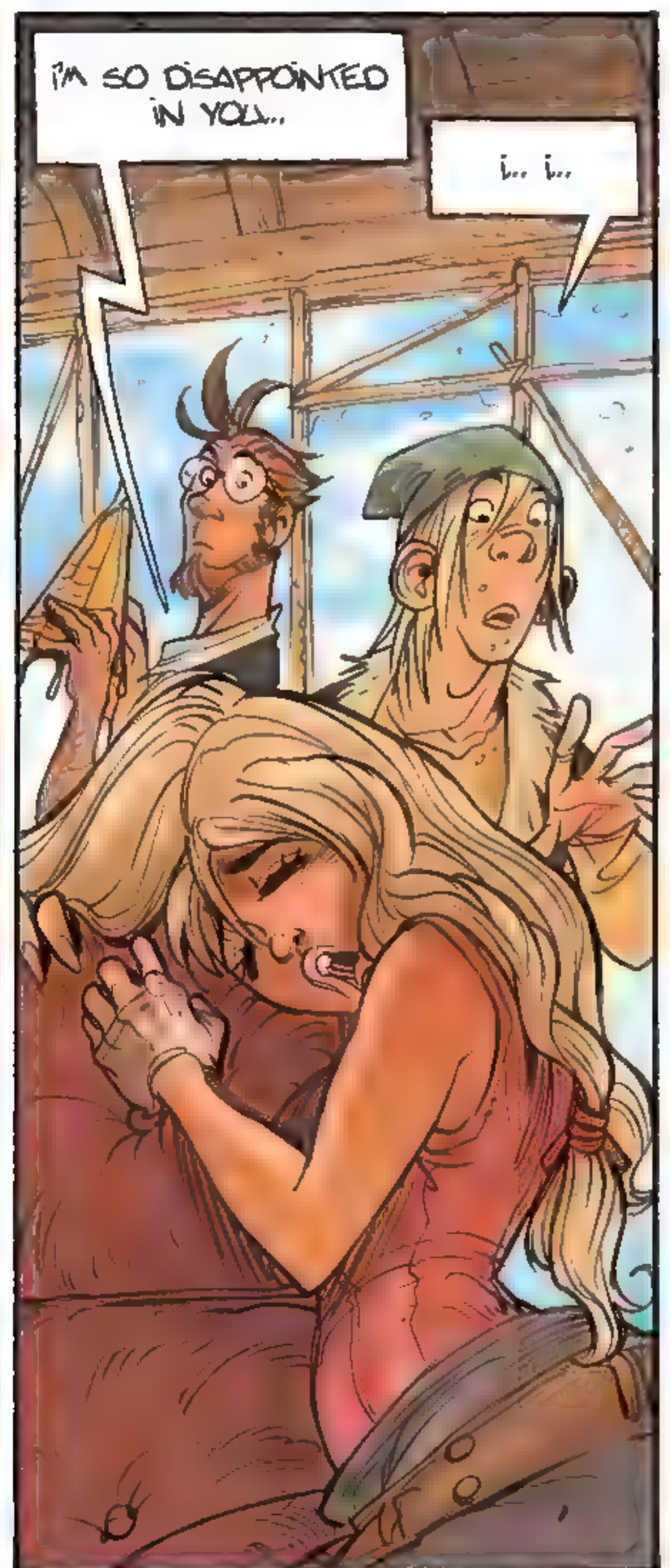
MAYBE YOU COULD MAKE US A SMALL LOAN THAT I'D PAY YOU BACK VERY SOON ALONG WITH THE RENT.

WELL... ACTUALLY I WAS HERE TO COLLECT MONEY!



SO YOU'D LET AN INNOCENT ROT IN JAIL AND NEVER SEE THE DAYLIGHT AGAIN? AND MAYBE EVEN GET RAPED BY RATS?

DON'T YOU HAVE THE SLIGHTEST SENSE OF JUSTICE?

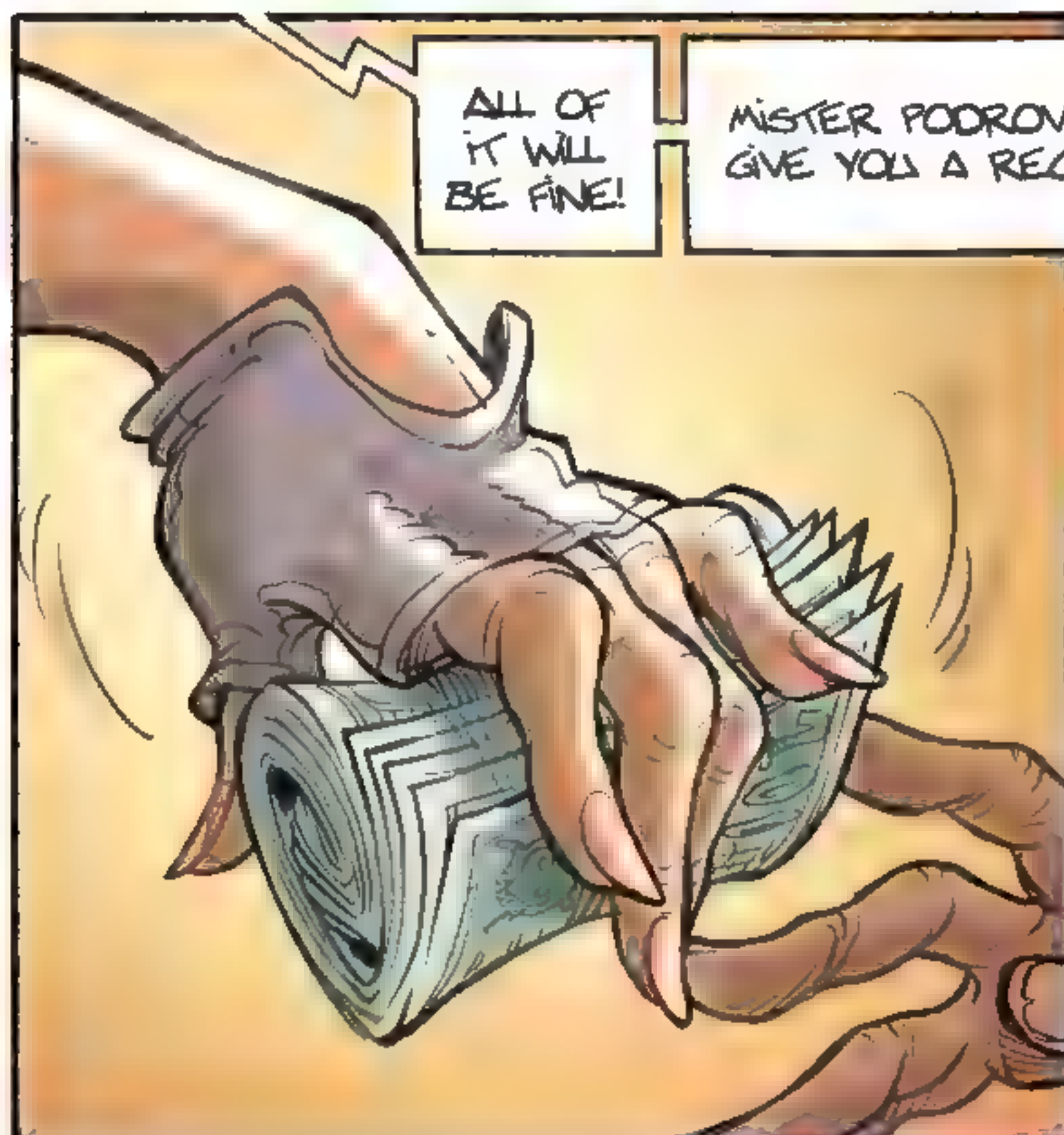


I'M SO DISAPPOINTED IN YOU...

... ..

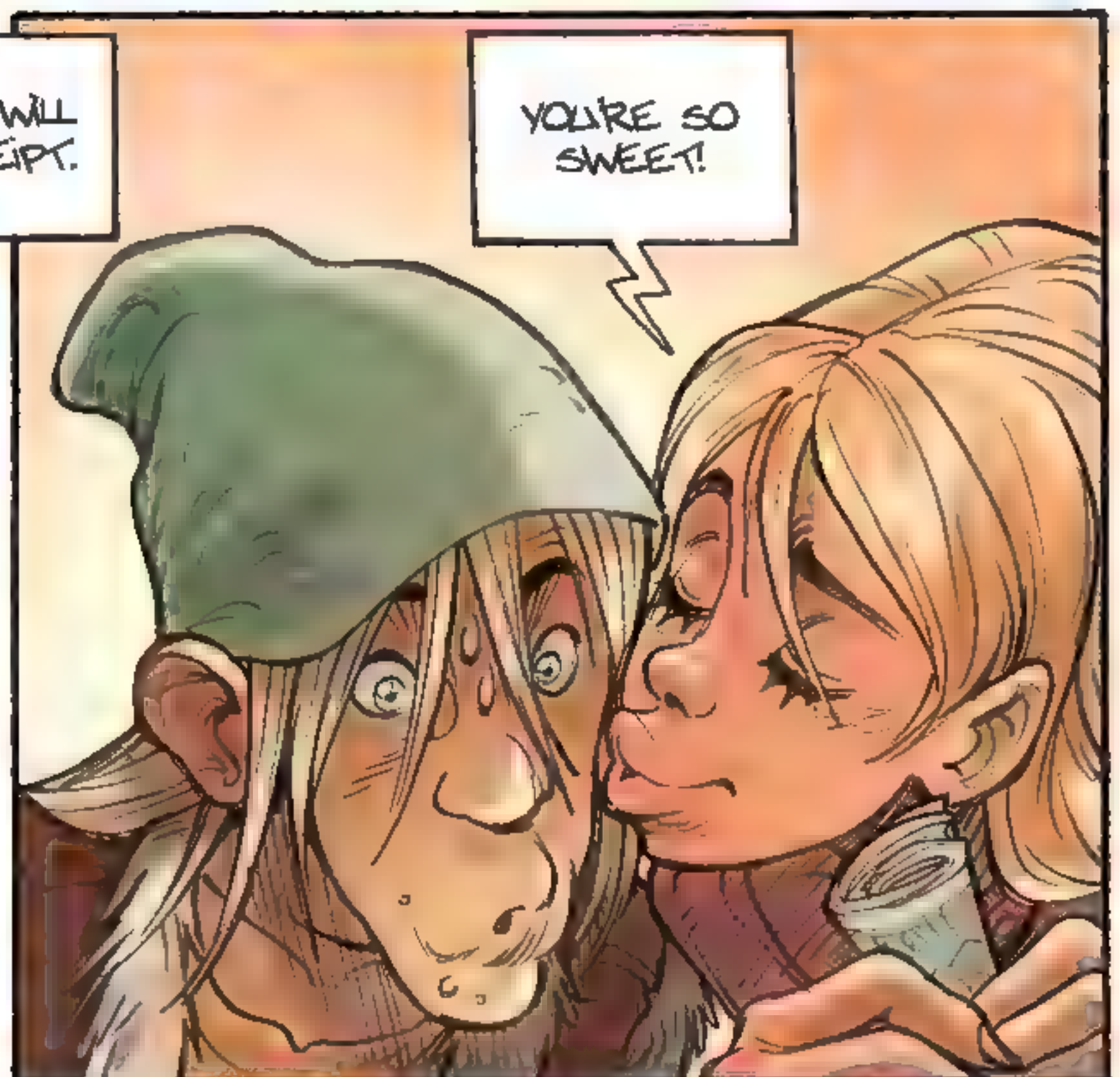


OH... HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?

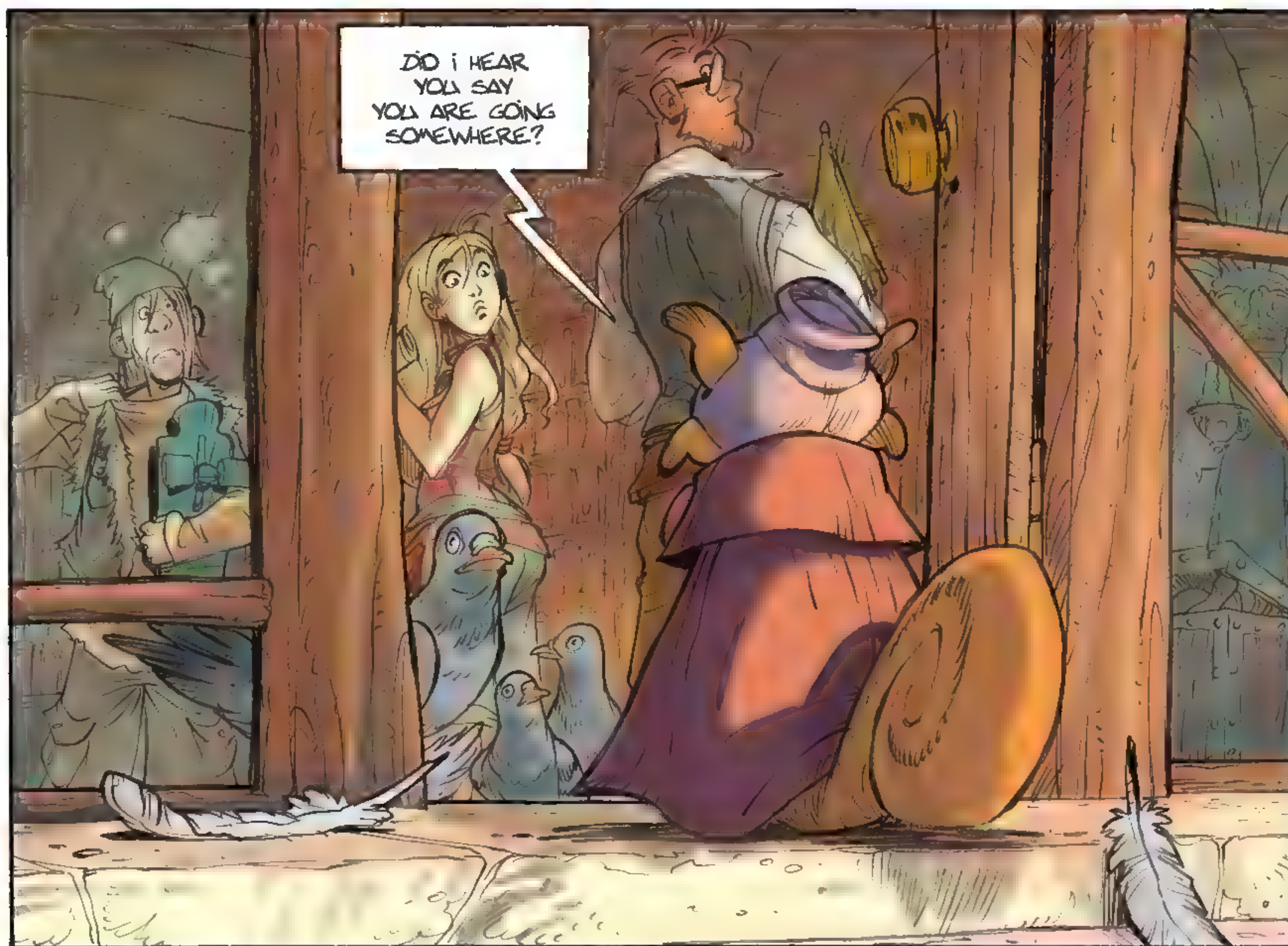


ALL OF IT WILL BE FINE!

MISTER PODROV WILL GIVE YOU A RECEIPT.



YOU'RE SO SWEET!

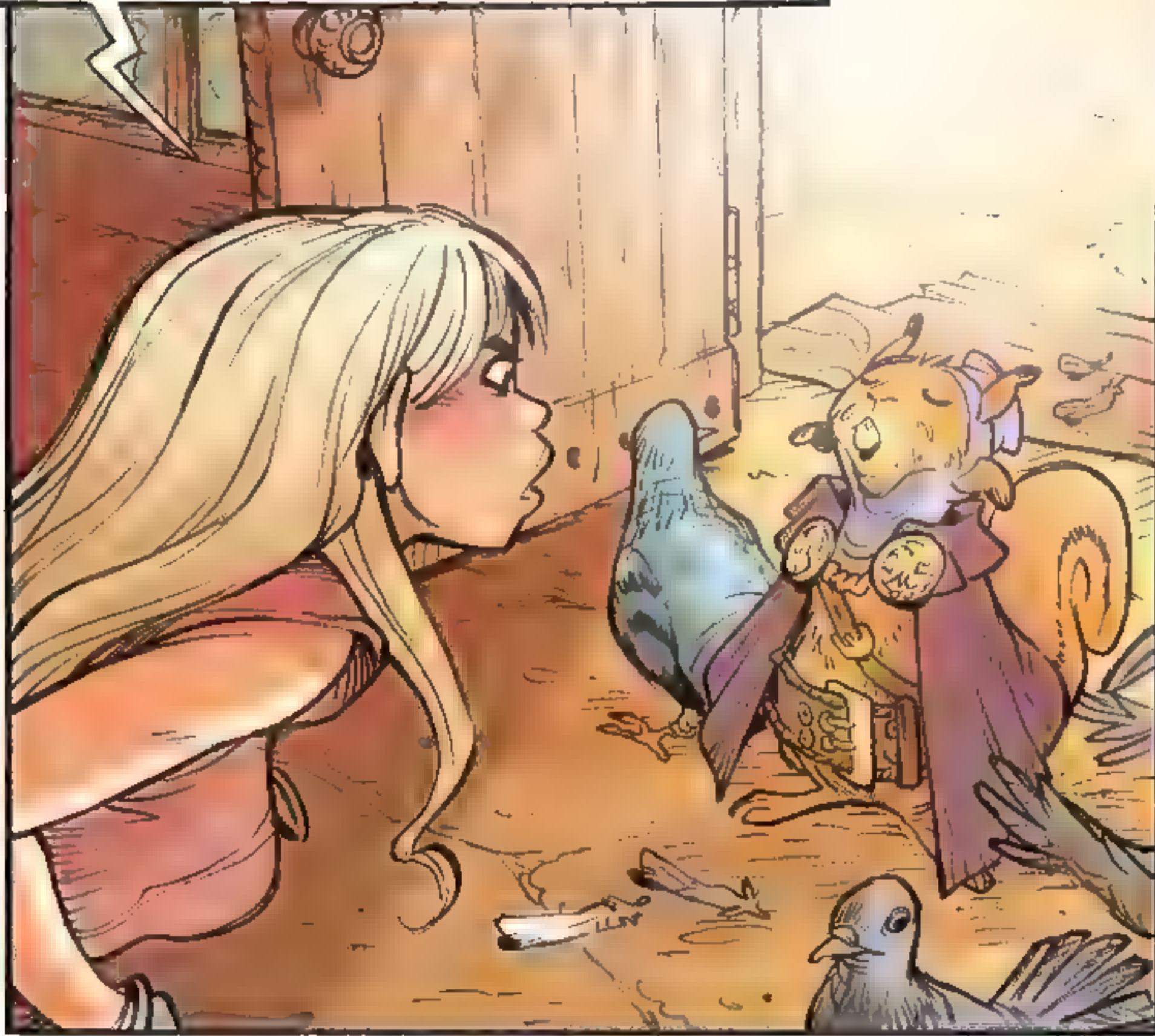


DID I HEAR YOU SAY YOU ARE GOING SOMEWHERE?



I HOPE YOU DIDN'T FORGET YOU CAN'T LEAVE NEW YORK WITHOUT ME!

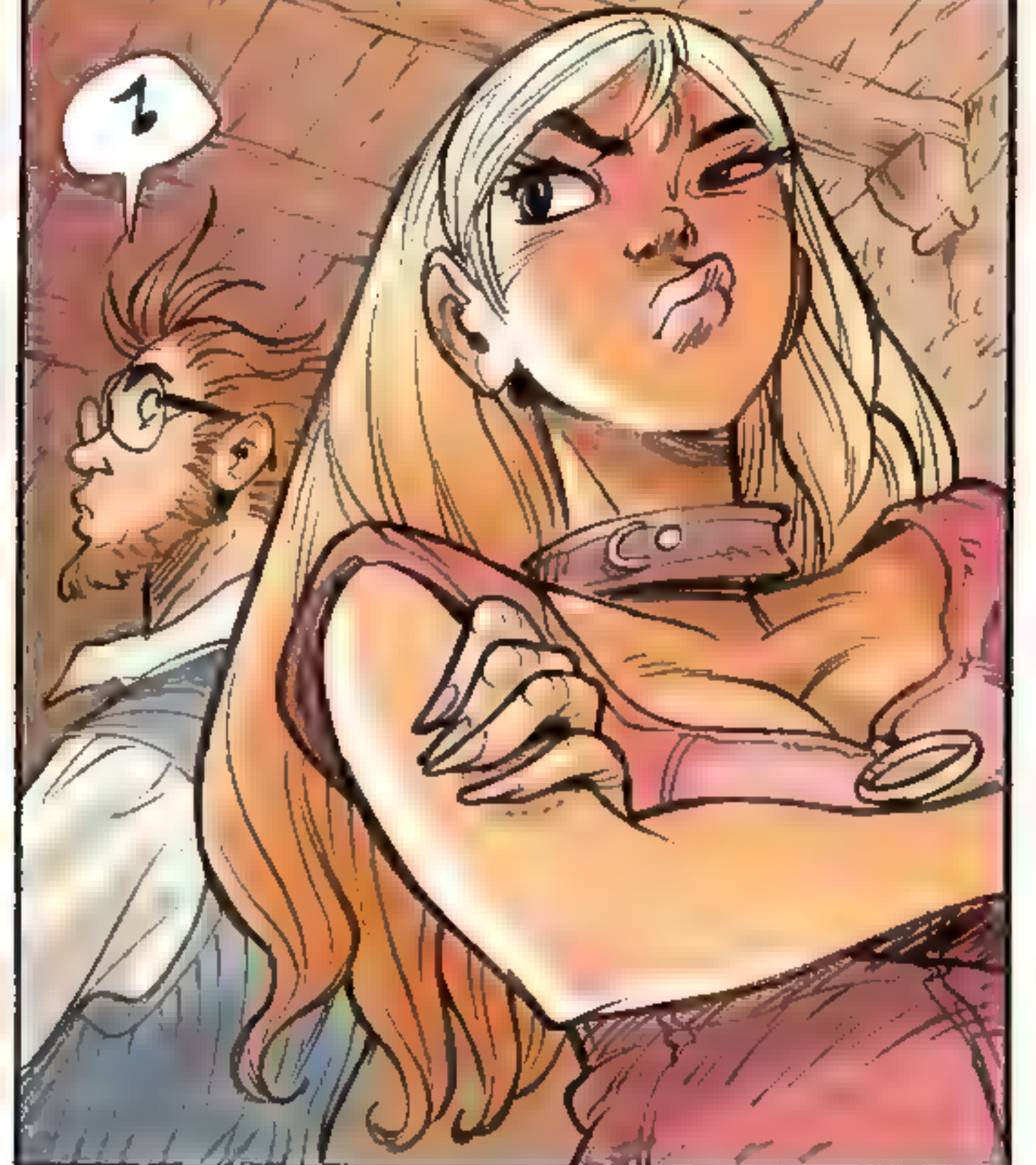
AND WHY'S THAT? I THOUGHT THE THALMIC UNBALANCE BETWEEN YURI AND ME HAD BEEN FIXED!



IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN YOU THINK...



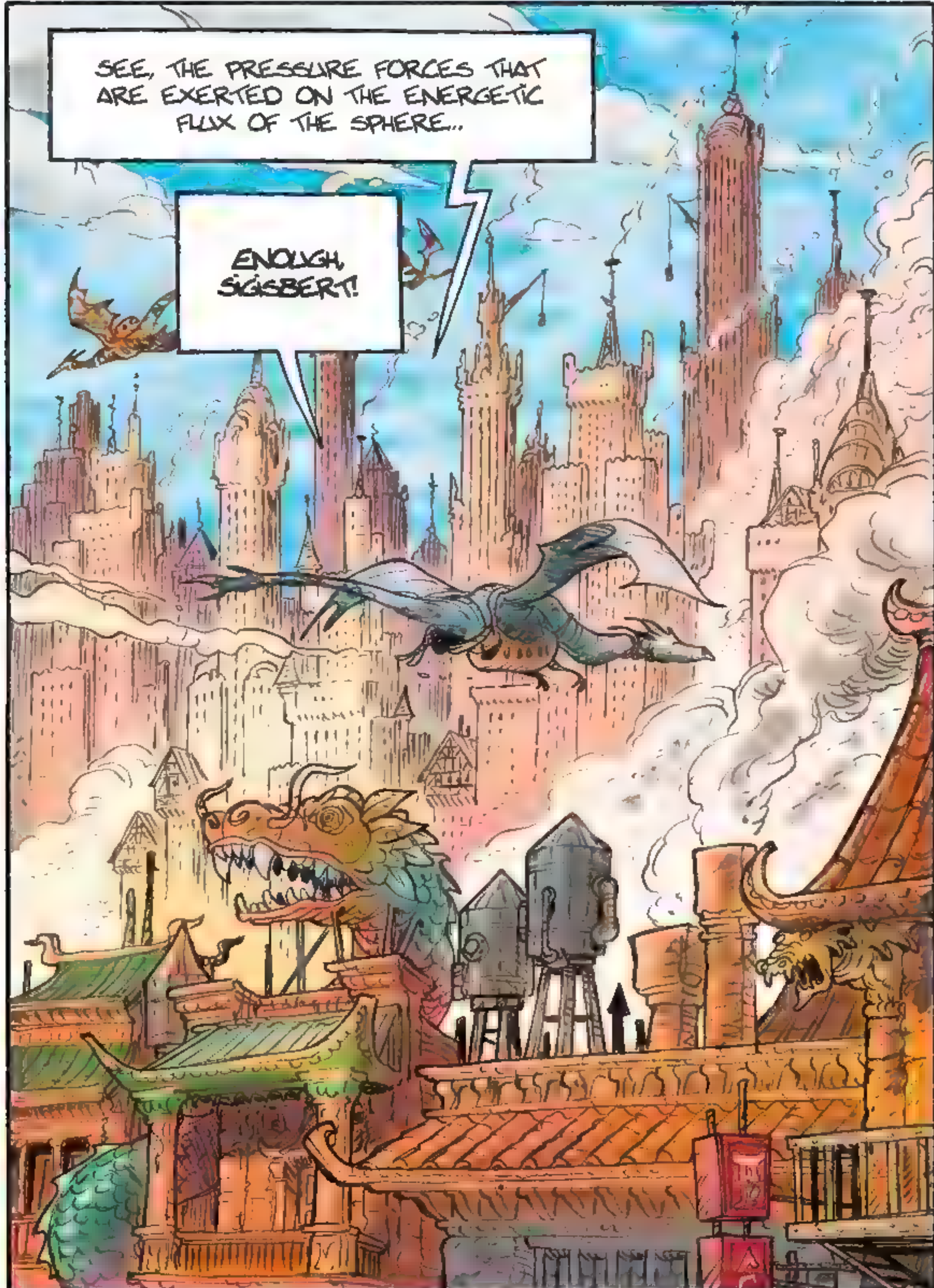
THE LH INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MR PODROV AND YOU, WELL, NORMA JEAN, CLEARLY DIDN'T SOLVE EVERYTHING...



*SEE 'HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD'.

SEE, THE PRESSURE FORCES THAT ARE EXERTED ON THE ENERGETIC FLUX OF THE SPHERE...

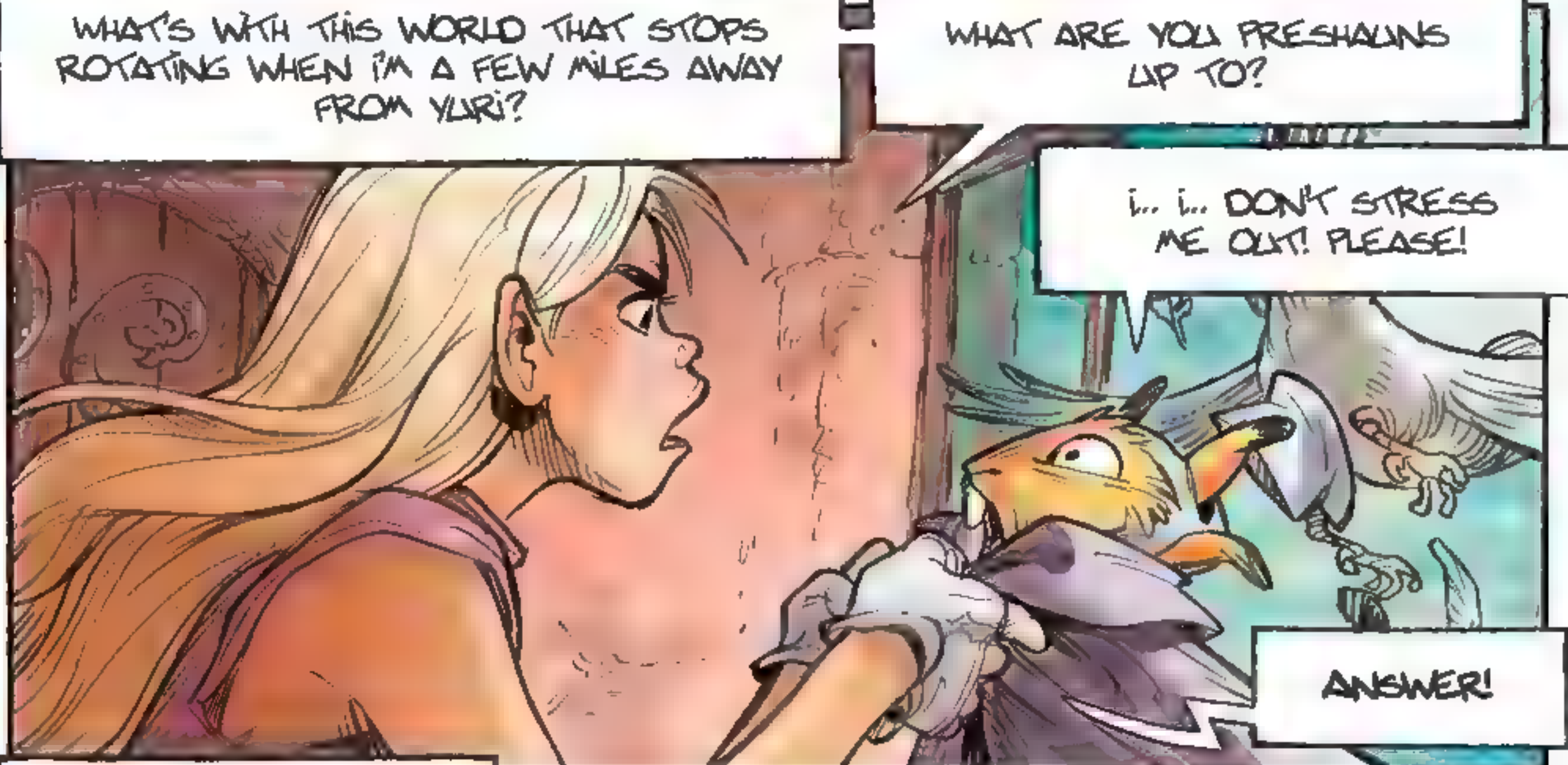
ENOUGH, SIGSBERT!



WHAT'S WITH THIS WORLD THAT STOPS ROTATING WHEN I'M A FEW MILES AWAY FROM YURI?

WHAT ARE YOU FRESHAINS UP TO?

I... I... DON'T STRESS ME OUT! PLEASE!

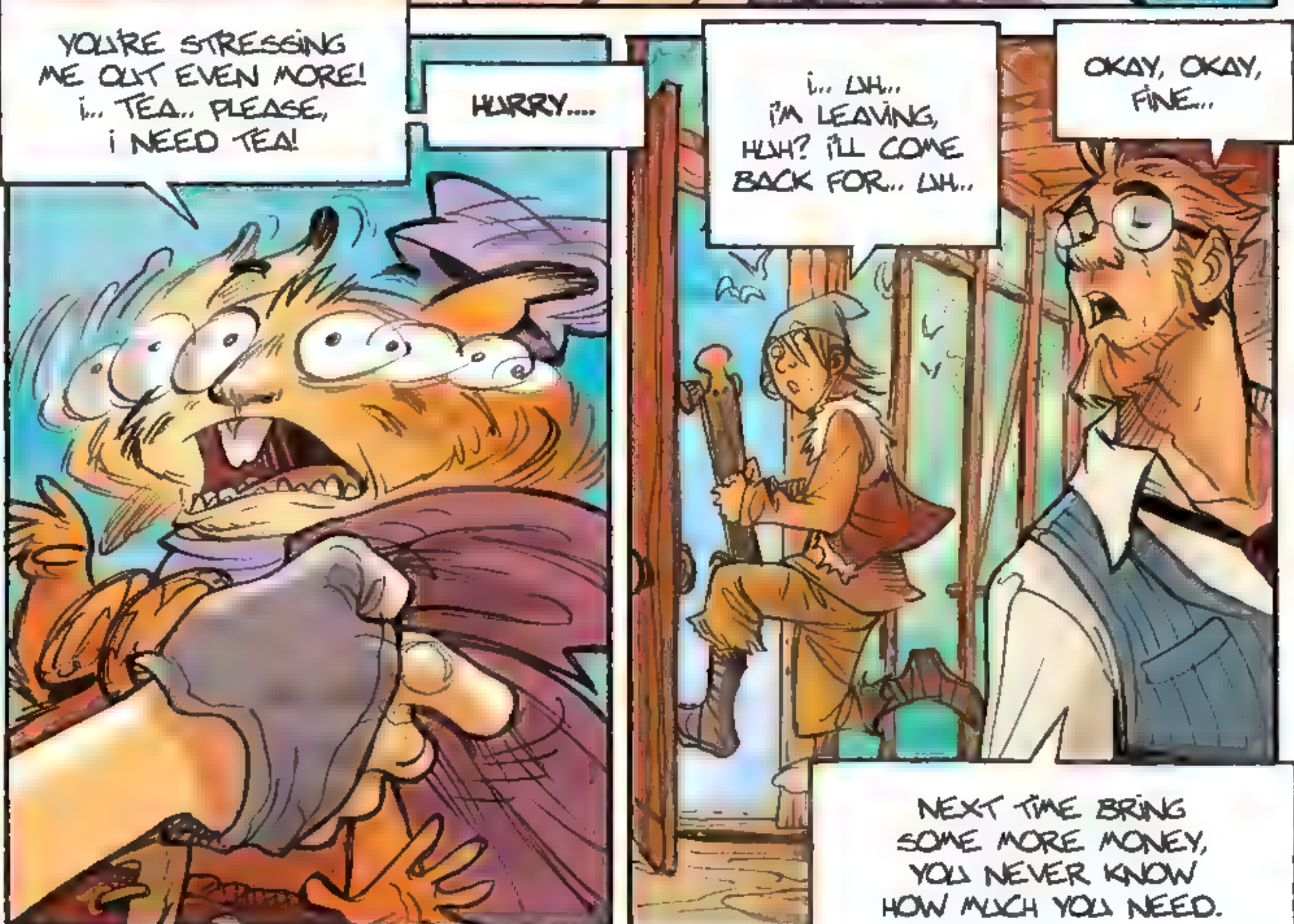


YOU'RE STRESSING ME OUT EVEN MORE! I... TEA... PLEASE, I NEED TEA!

HURRY....

I... LH... I'M LEAVING, HUH? I'LL COME BACK FOR... LH...

OKAY, OKAY, FINE...



AND WHAT IF WE DON'T GIVE YOU YOUR FREAKING TEA?



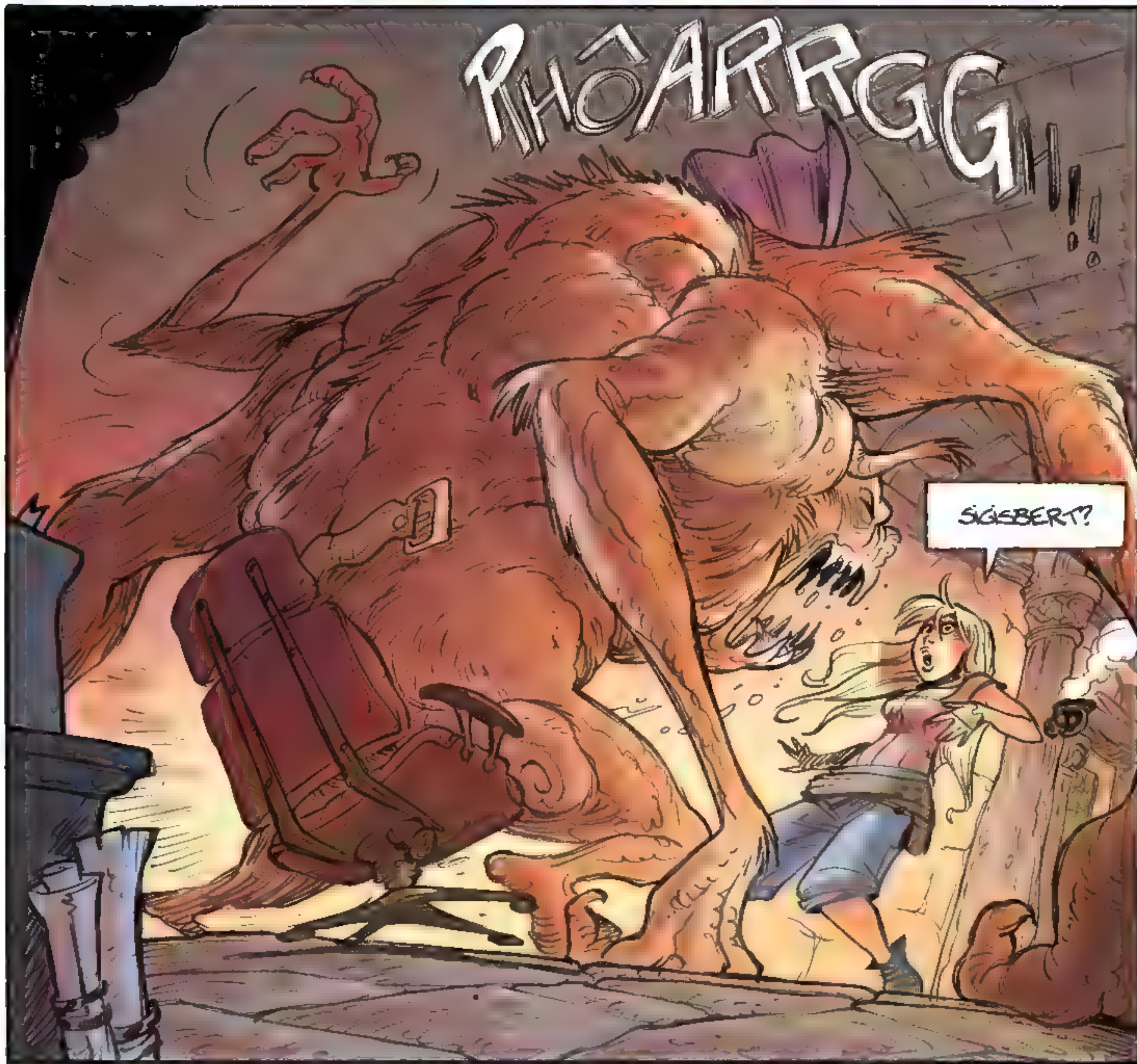
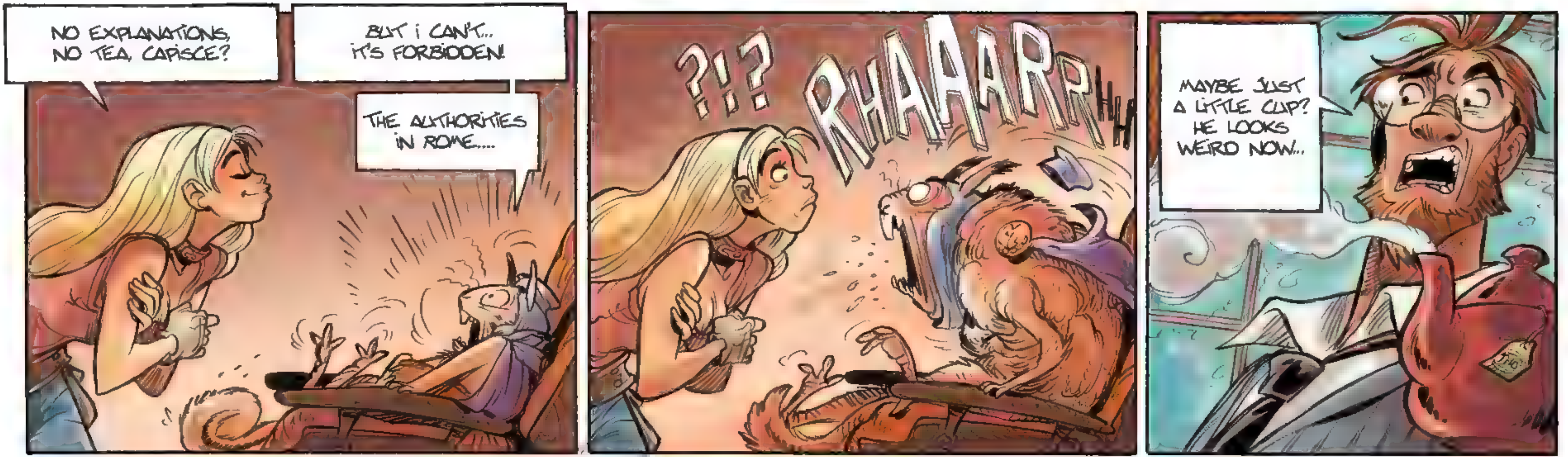
HAVE MERCY, DON'T DO THAT! THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE DRE! I CAN BARELY CONTROL MYSELF!



WHAT SHOULD I DO? GIVE IT TO HIM?

NAH!







HEY, ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU MIGHT HAVE KILLED HIM!

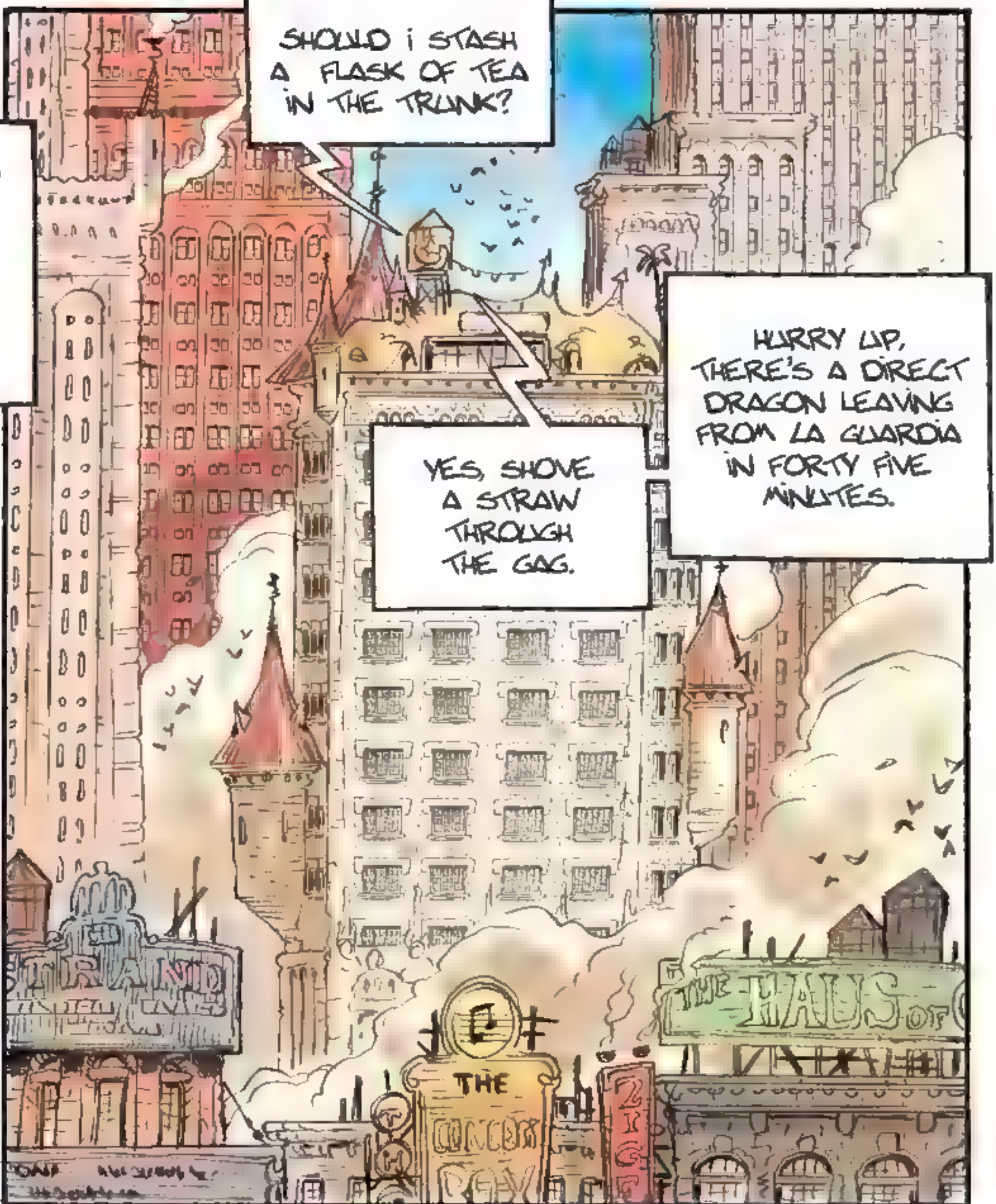
I JUST STUNNED HIM.

STICK HIM IN A TRUNK. THEY NEED US IN BARCELONA. WE'LL DEAL WITH THIS THERE.

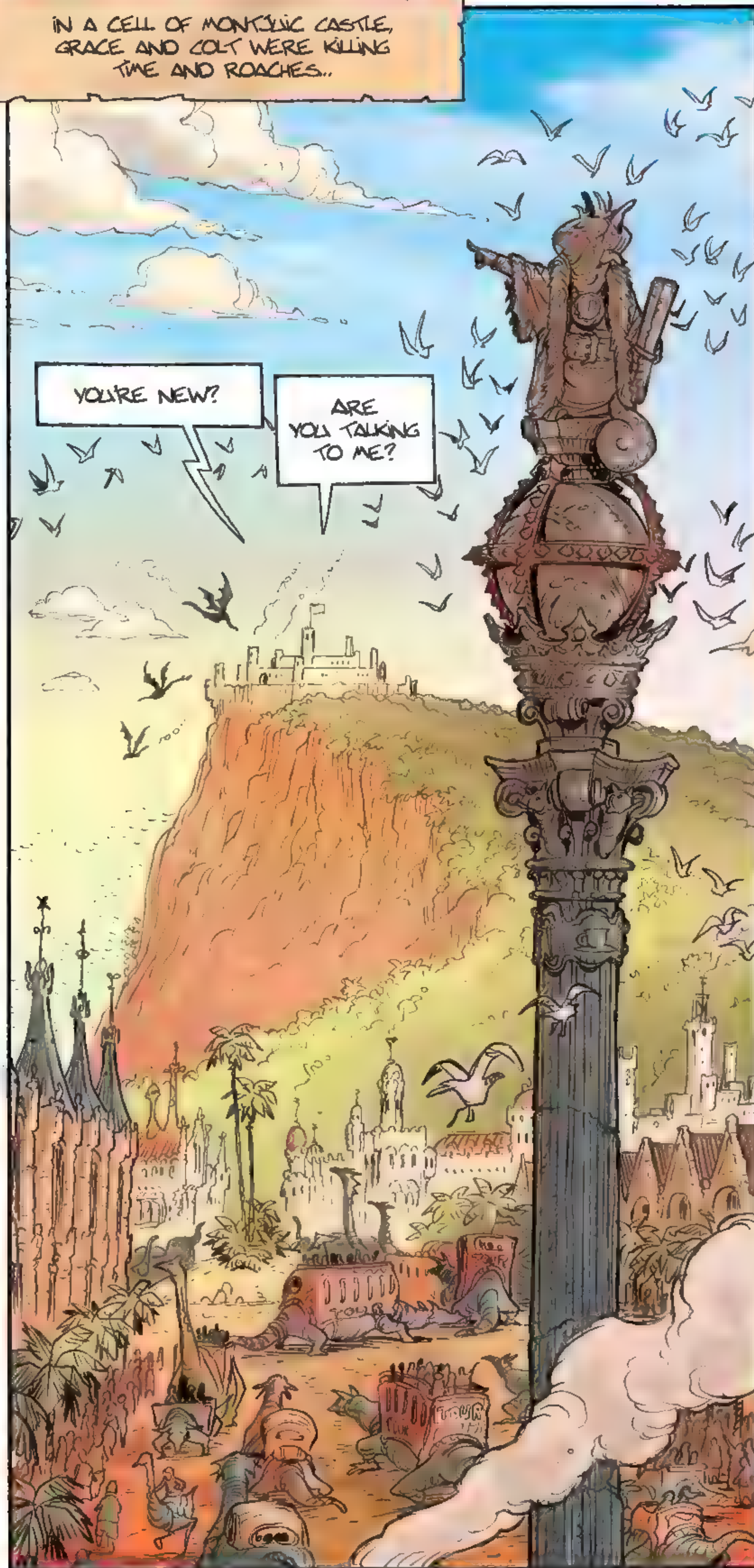
SHOULD I STASH A FLASK OF TEA IN THE TRUNK?

YES, SHOVE A STRAW THROUGH THE GAG.

HURRY UP, THERE'S A DIRECT DRAGON LEAVING FROM LA GUARDIA IN FORTY FIVE MINUTES.



IN A CELL OF MONTYVIC CASTLE, GRACE AND COLT WERE KILLING TIME AND ROACHES...



YOU'RE NEW?

ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?



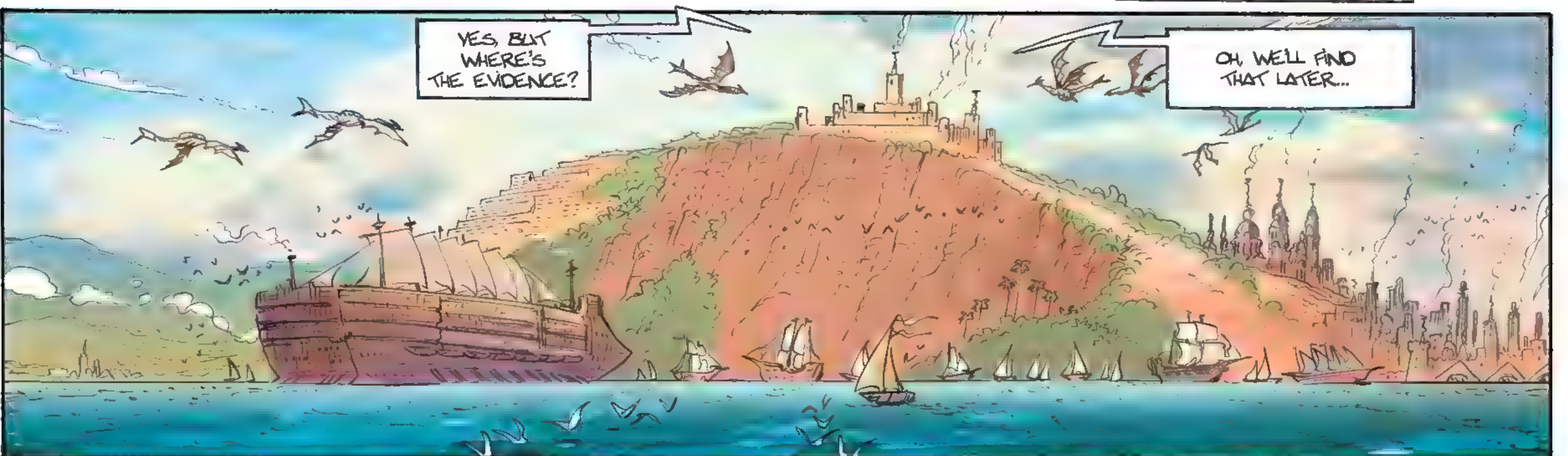
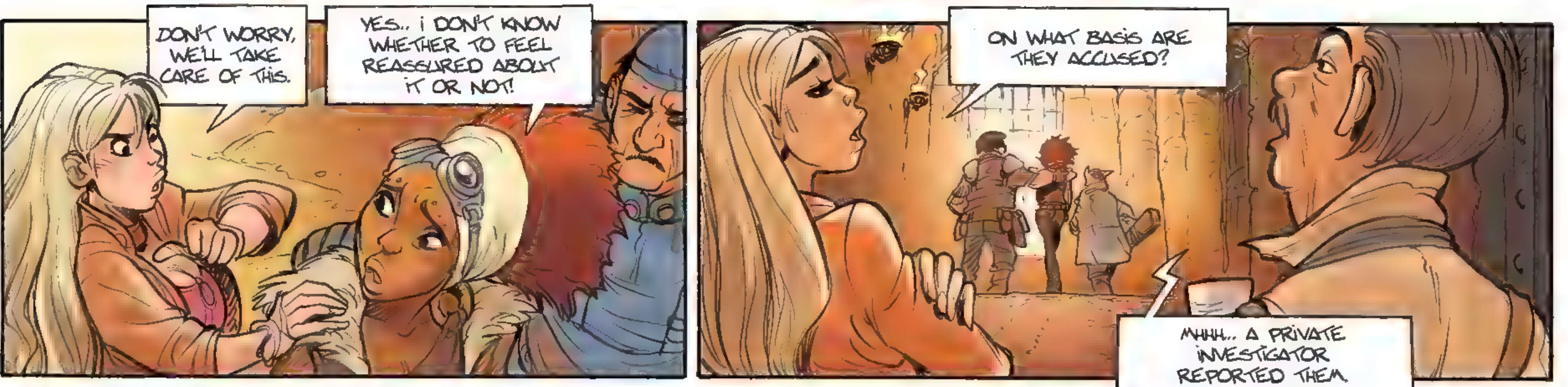
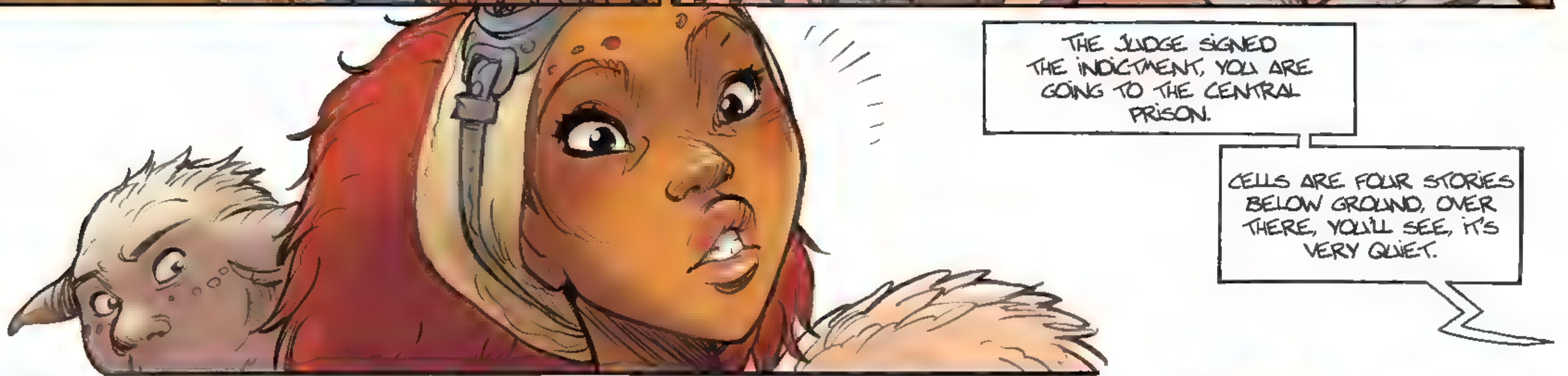
YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE, SO YOU DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT INDEPENDENCE OR SOCCER. THEN YOU GOT BUSTED, LIKE THE REST OF US.

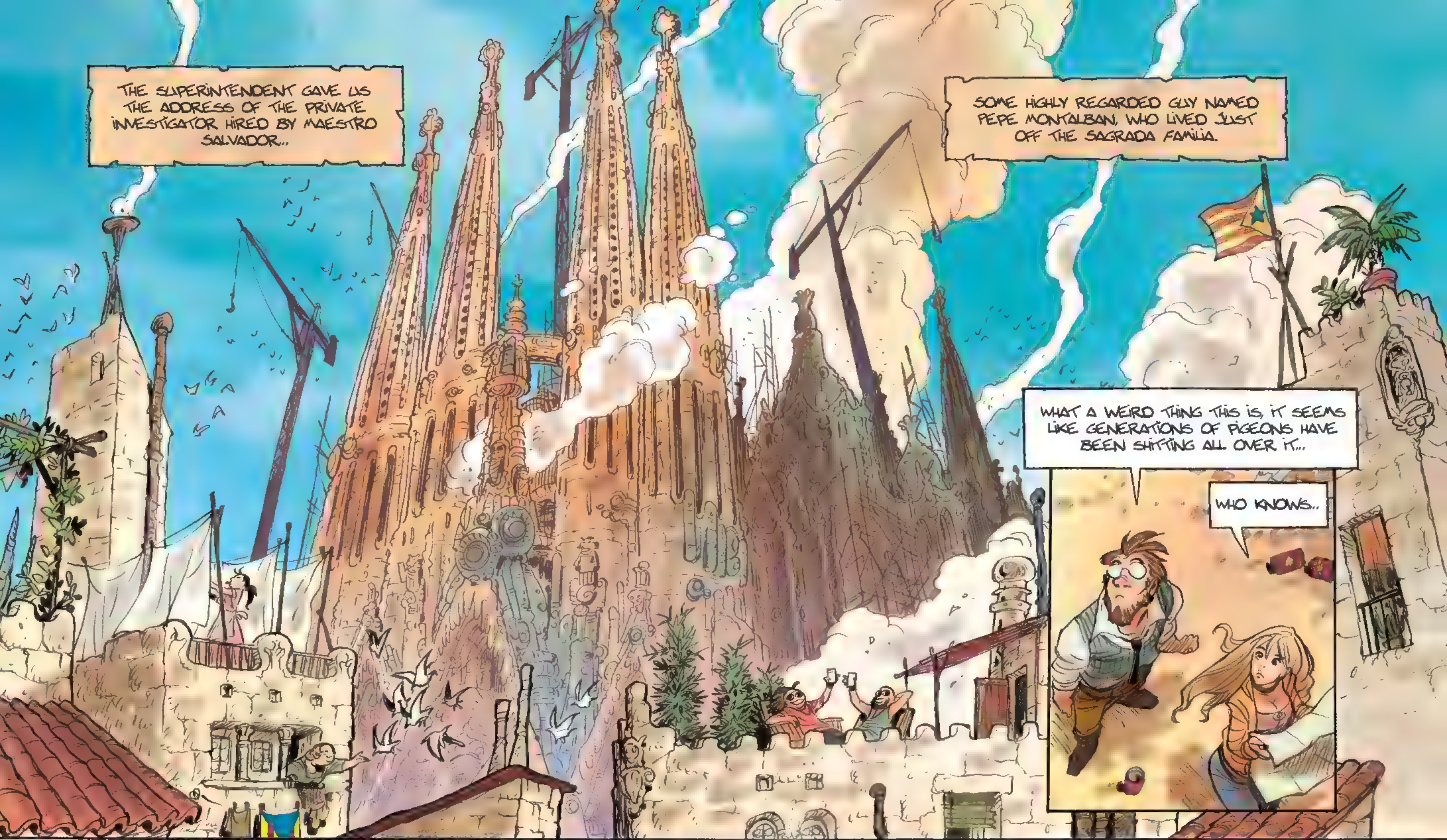
AH NO, I WORK FOR A TALENT AGENCY.

YEAH, SOMETIMES WE SAY THAT TOO. MY AGENCY'S CALLED "RAMON-THE-STABBER".



YOU HAVE VISITORS.



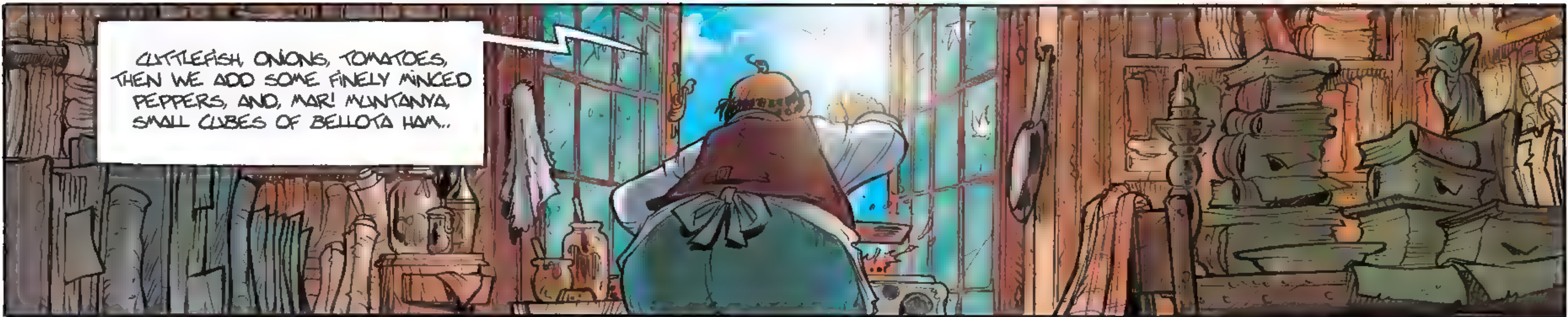
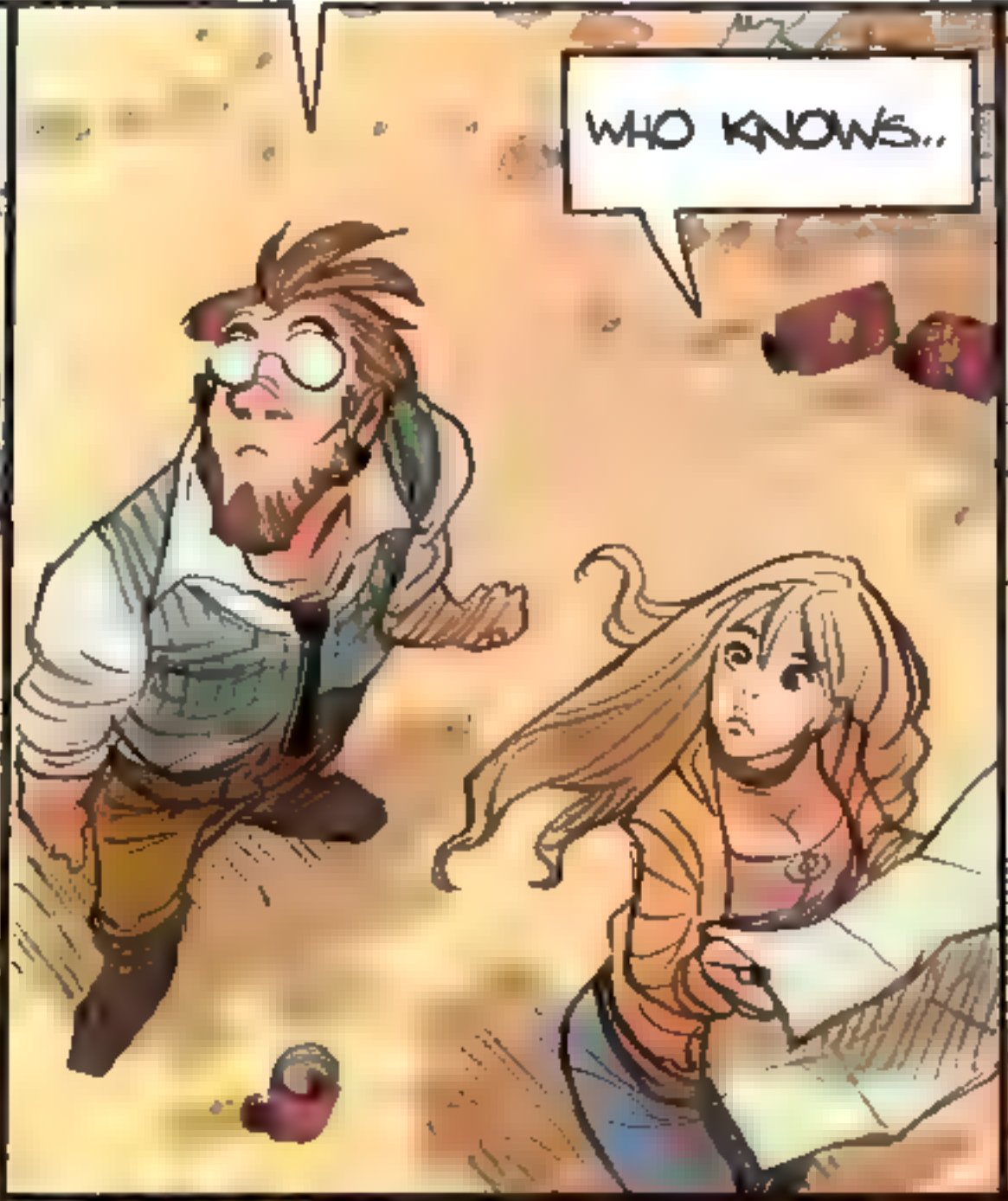


THE SUPERINTENDENT GAVE US THE ADDRESS OF THE PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR HIRED BY MAESTRO SALVADOR...

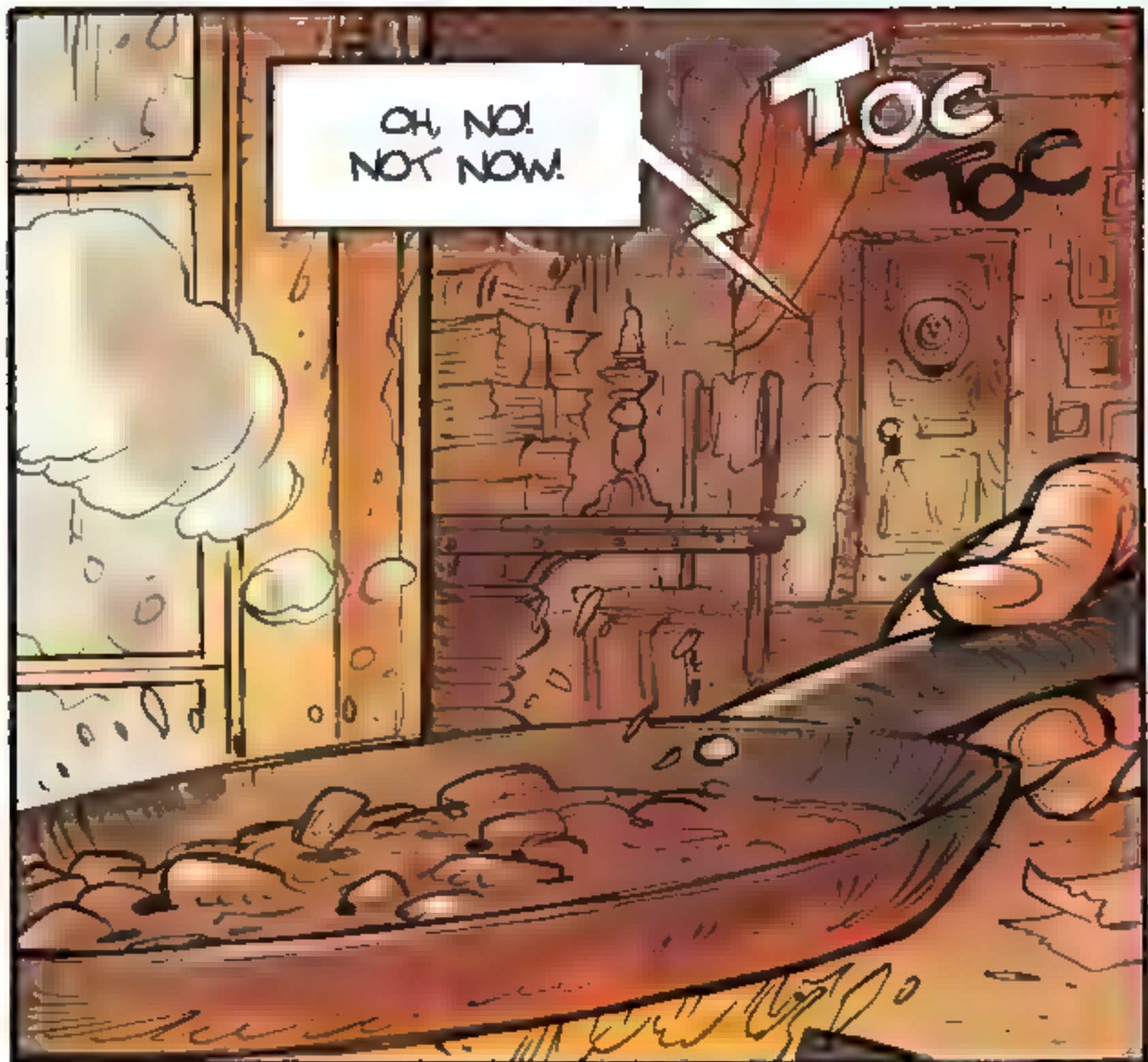
SOME HIGHLY REGARDED GUY NAMED PEPE MONTALBAN, WHO LIVED JUST OFF THE SAGRADA FAMILIA.

WHAT A WEIRD THING THIS IS, IT SEEMS LIKE GENERATIONS OF PIGEONS HAVE BEEN SHITTING ALL OVER IT...

WHO KNOWS...



LITTLE FISH, ONIONS, TOMATOES, THEN WE ADD SOME FINELY MINCED PEPPERS, AND, MAR! MUNTANYA, SMALL CUBES OF BELLOTA HAM...



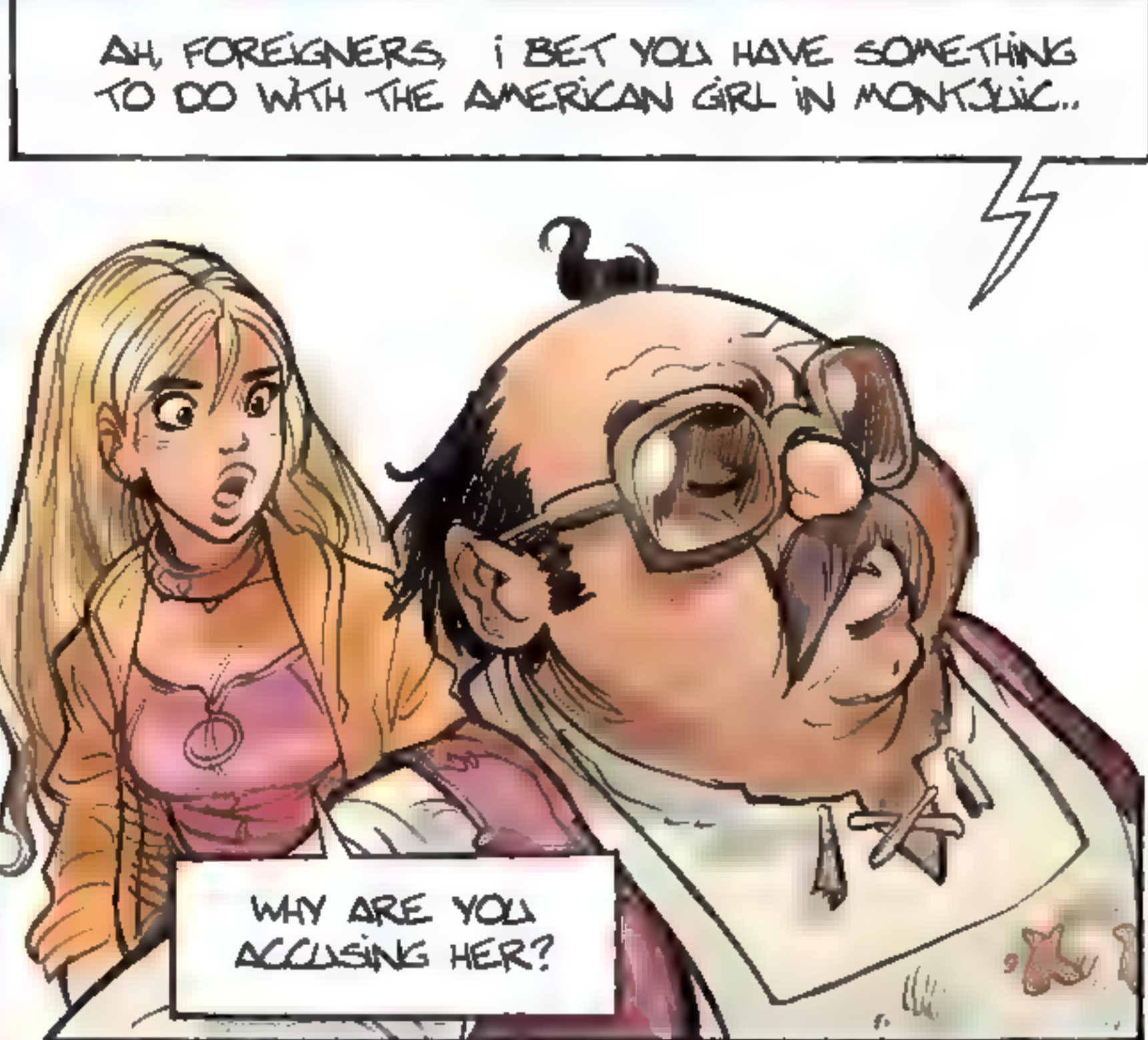
OH NO! NOT NOW!

TOC TOC



WHO DARES BOTHER ME AT LUNCHTIME?

BUT... IT'S PAST 3:00PM!



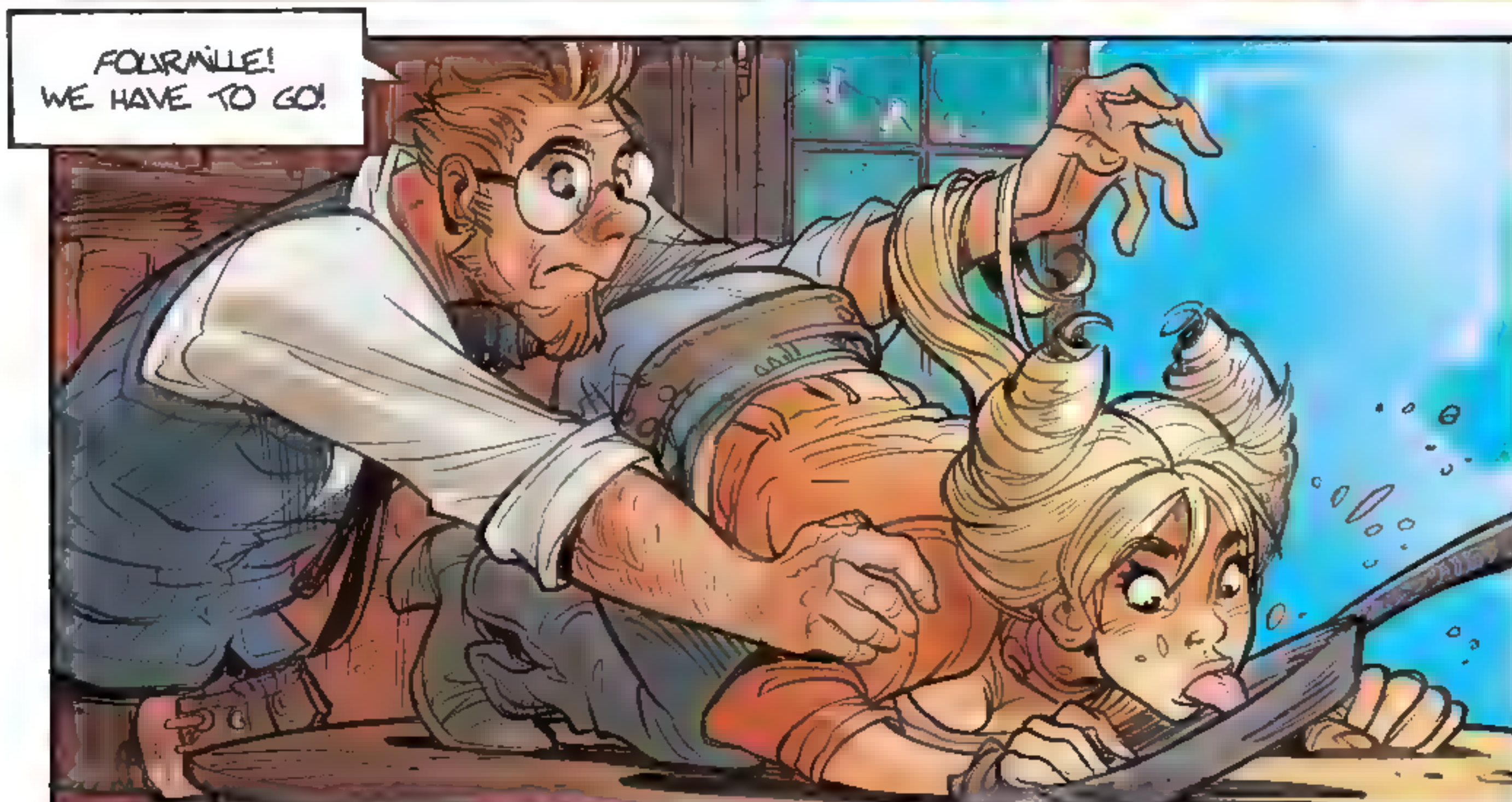
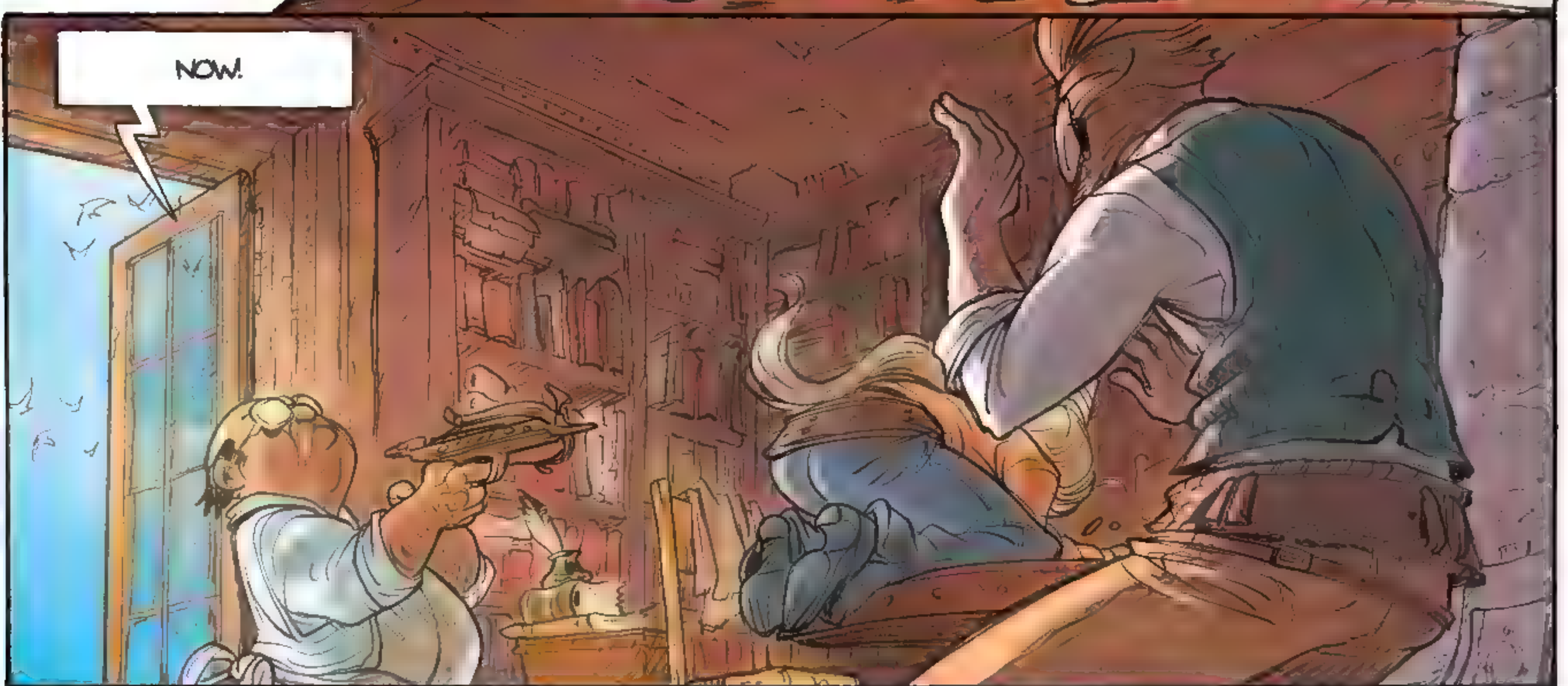
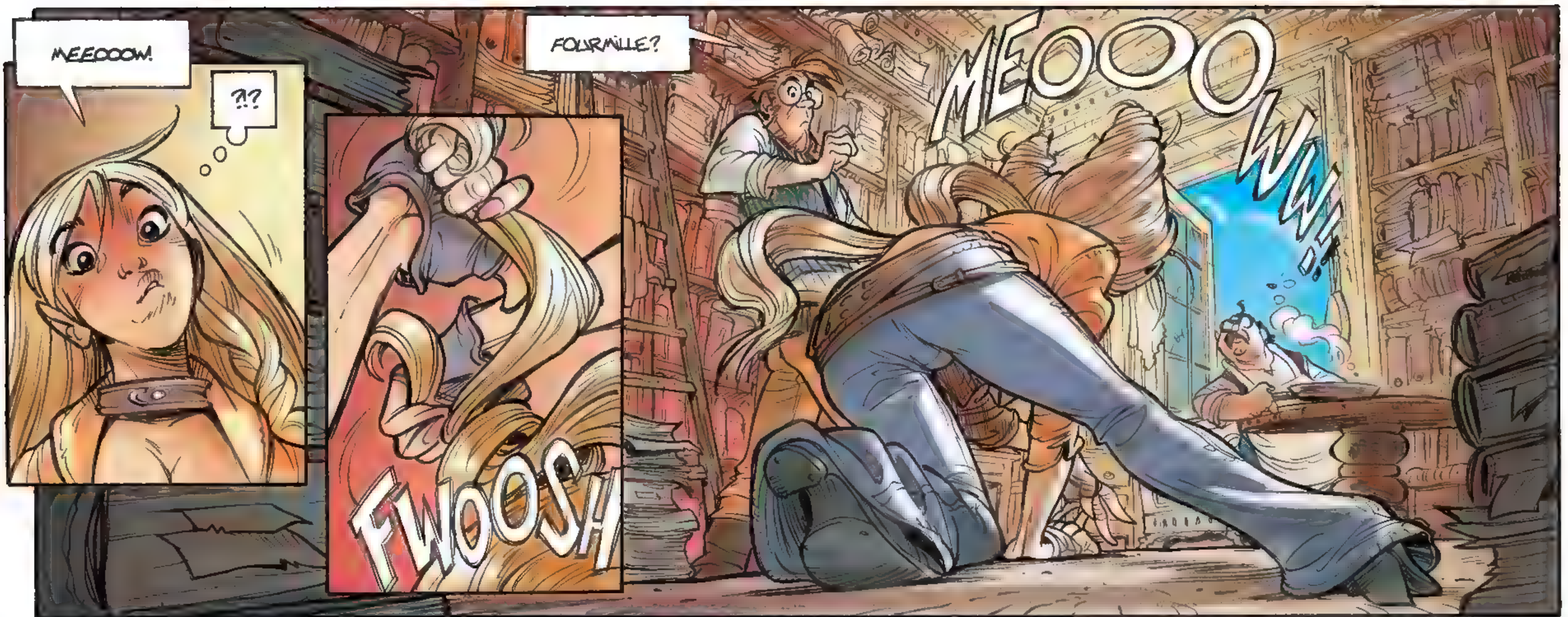
AH, FOREIGNERS. I BET YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE AMERICAN GIRL IN MONTJOLIC...

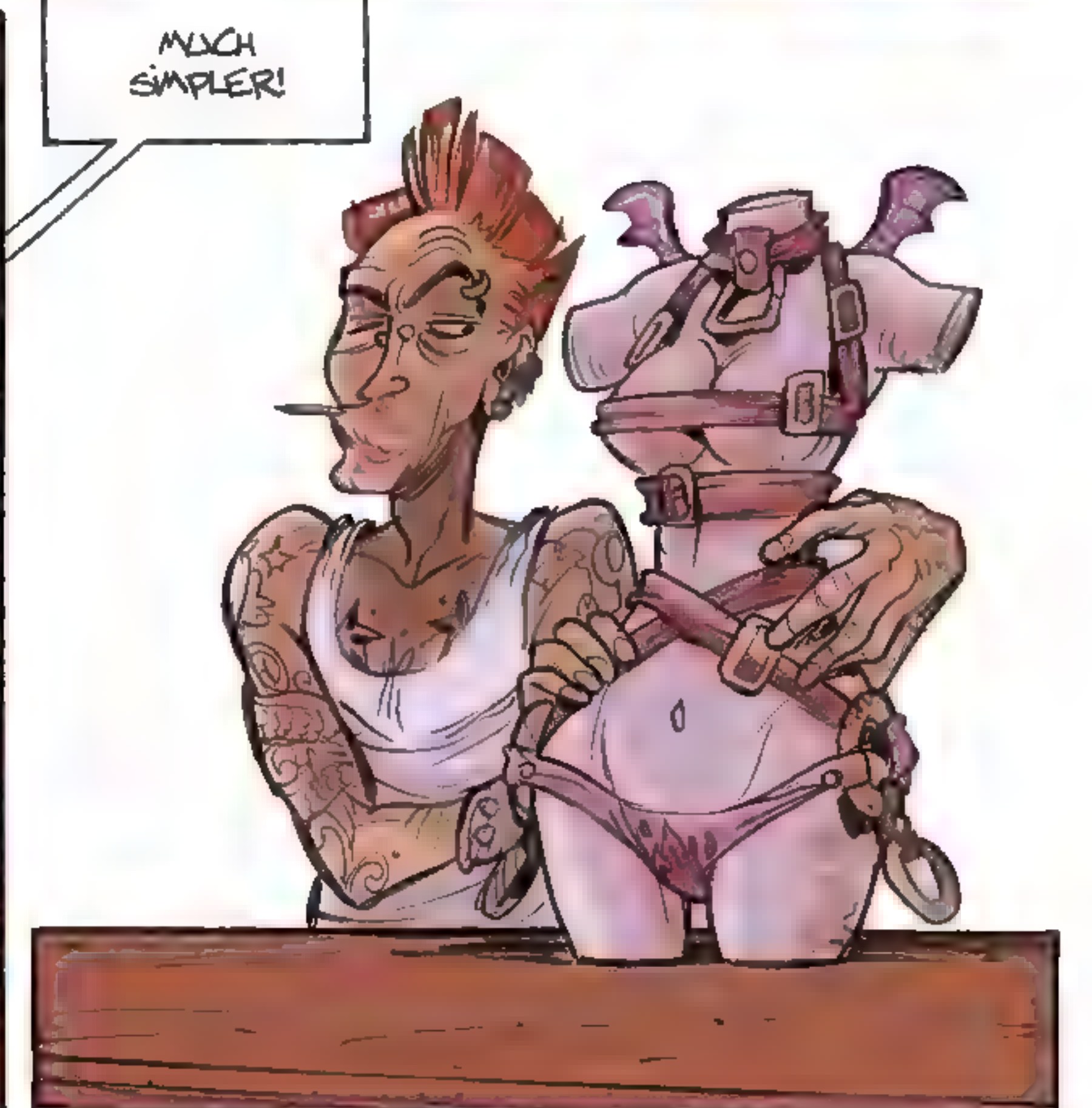
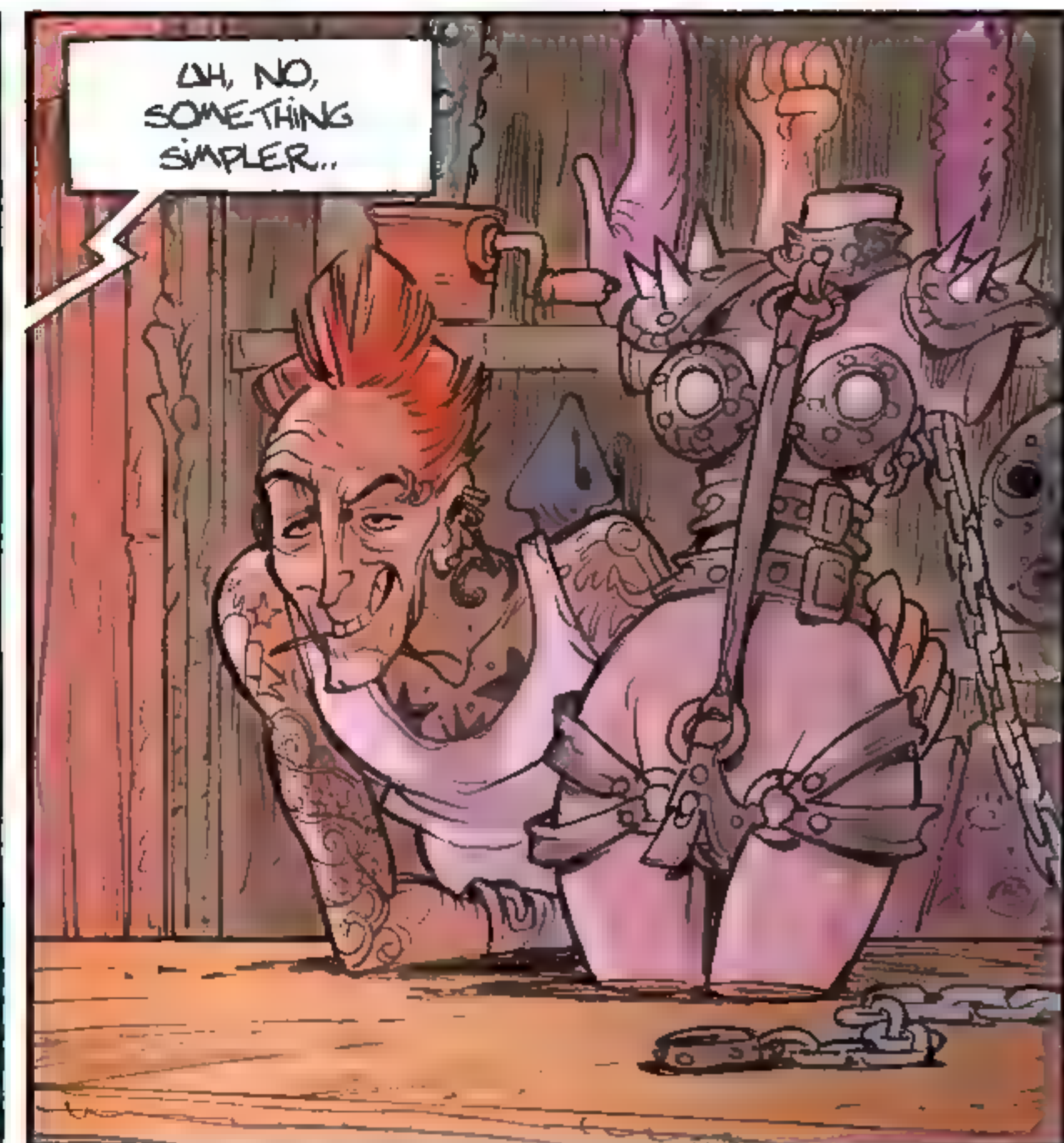
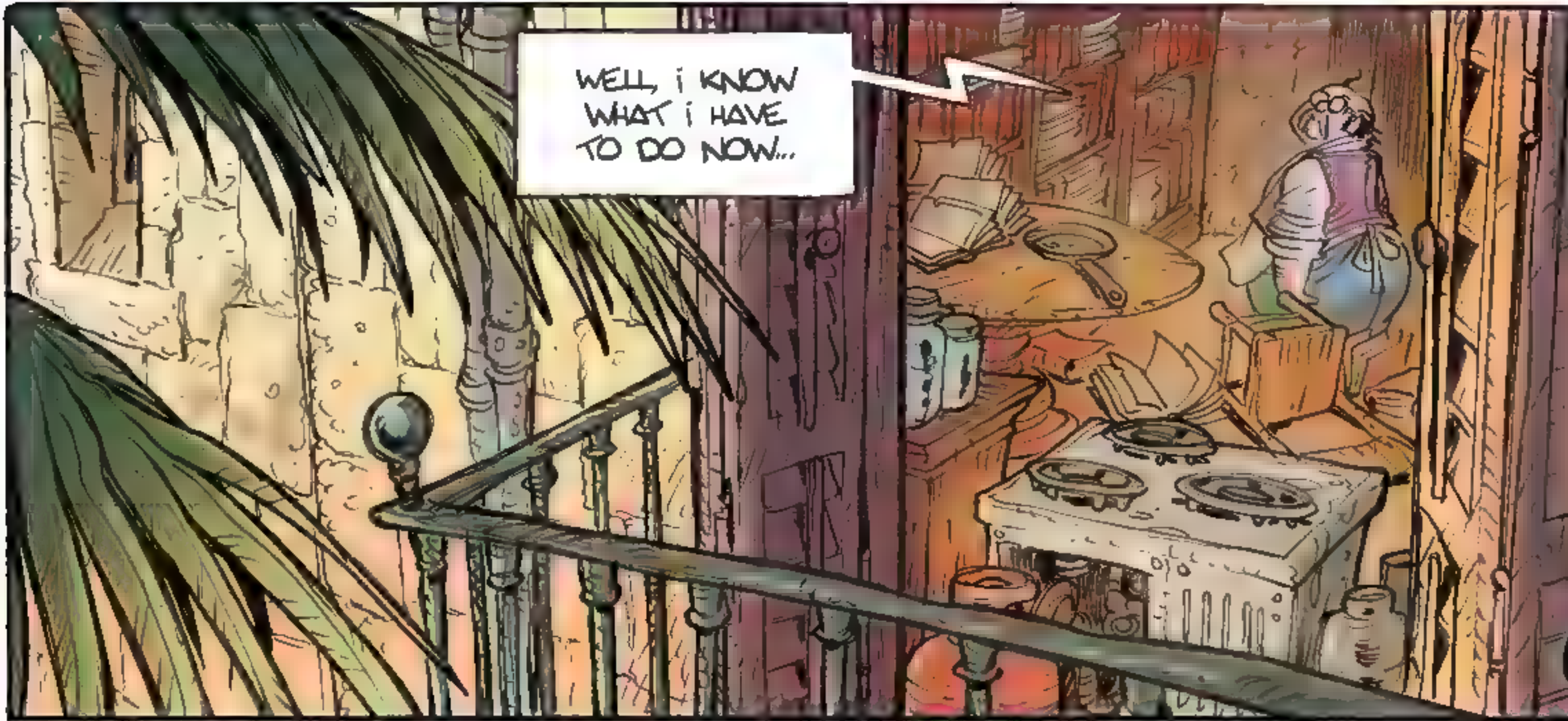
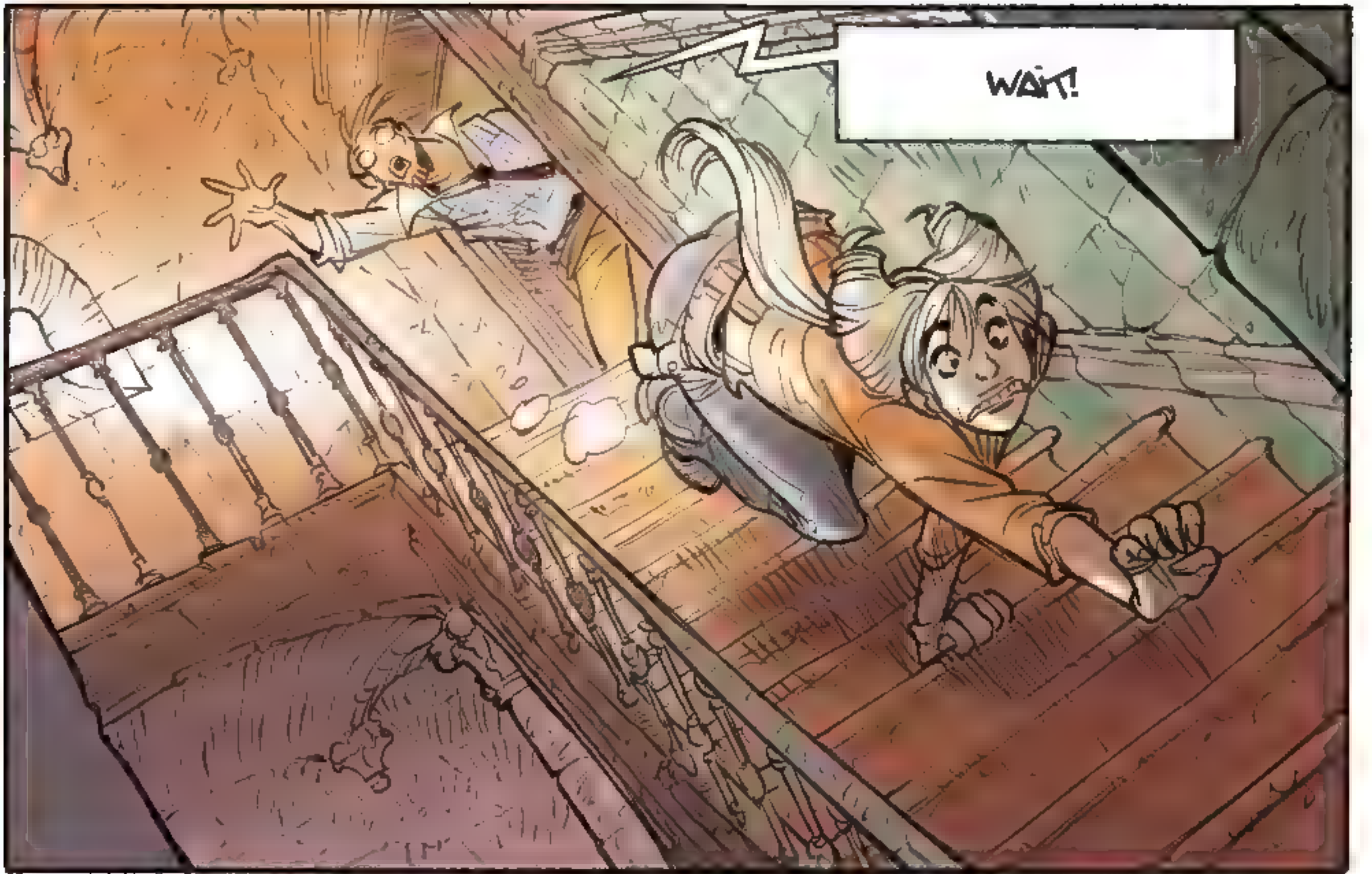
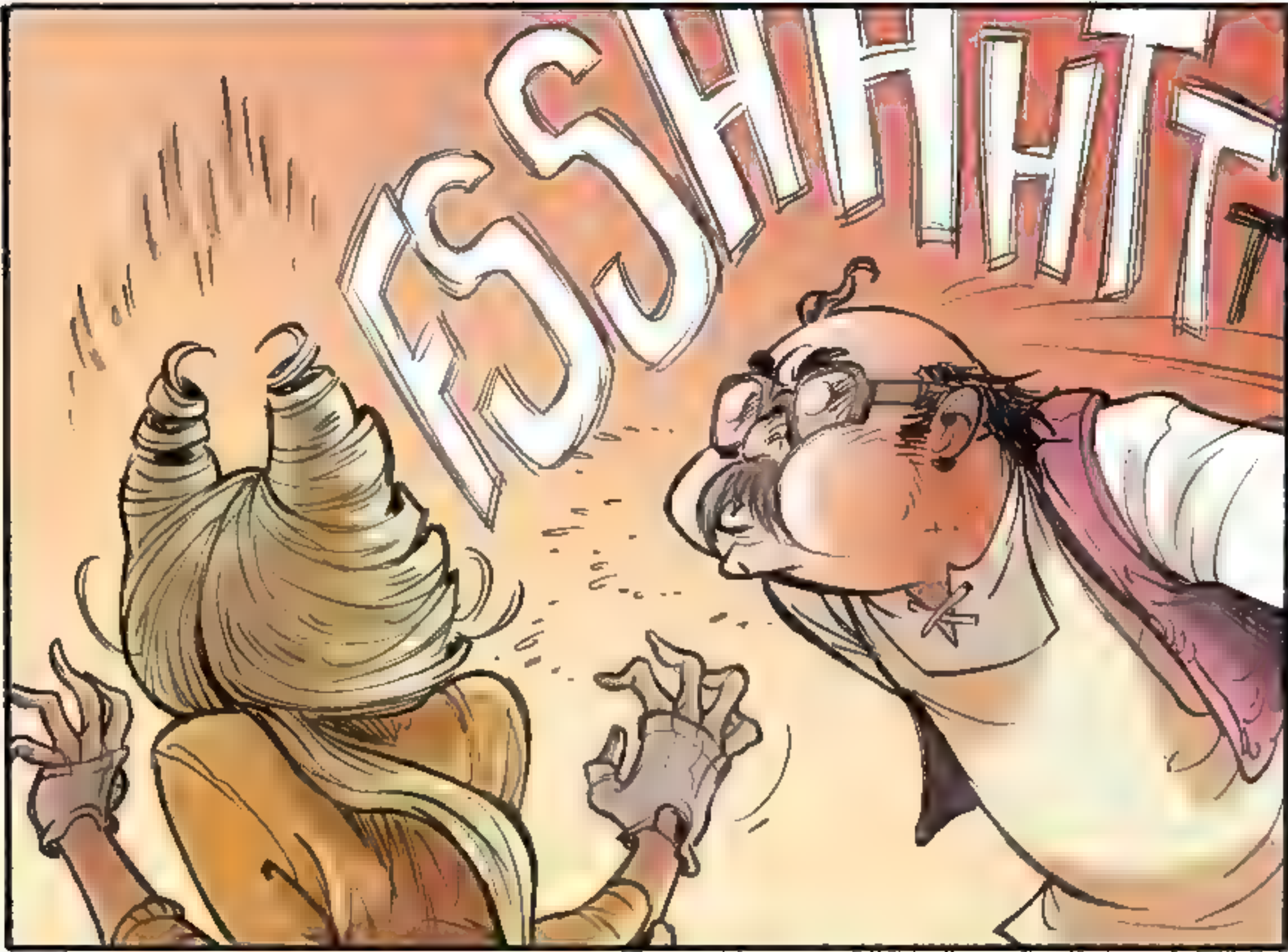
WHY ARE YOU ACCUSING HER?

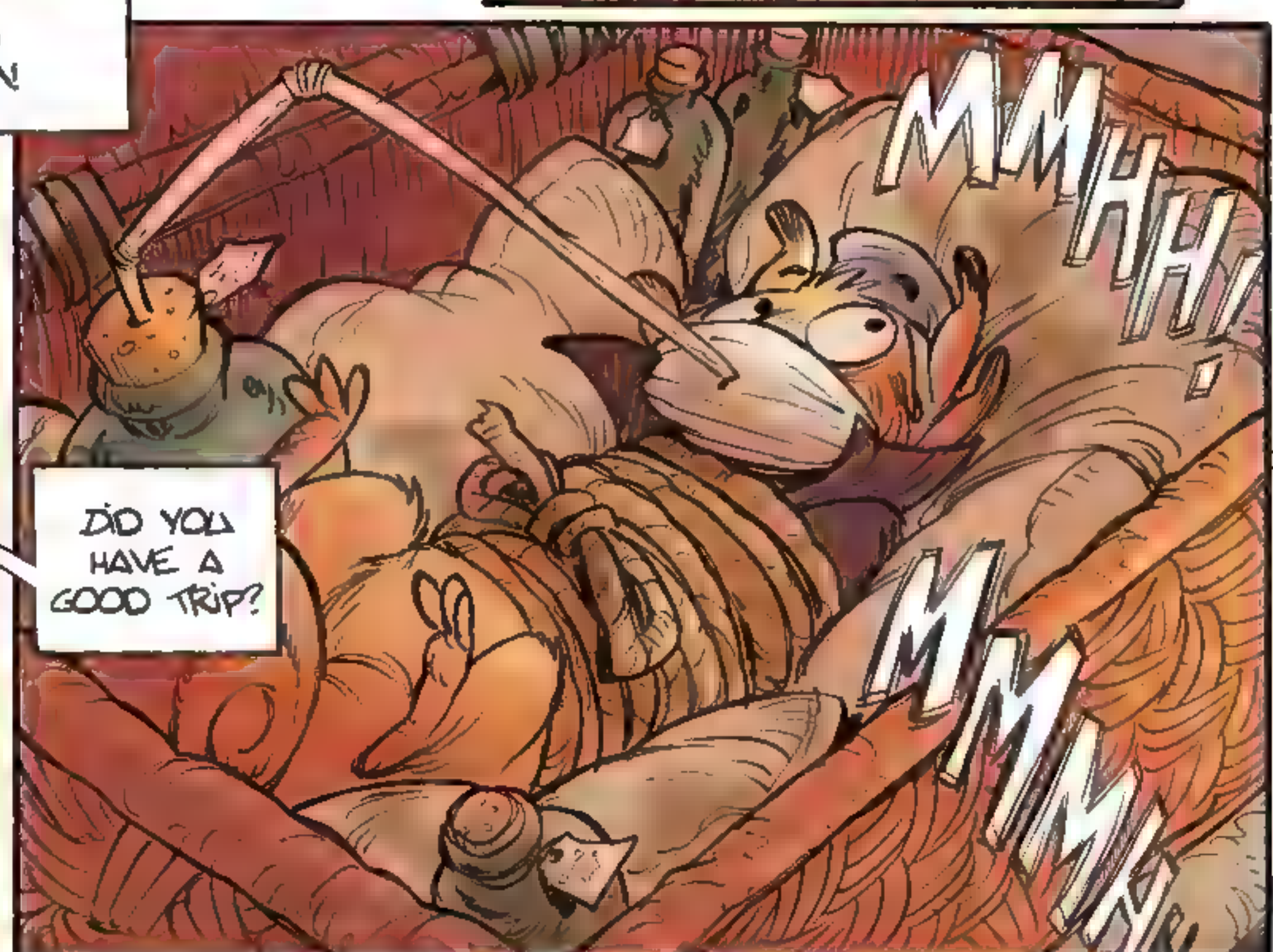
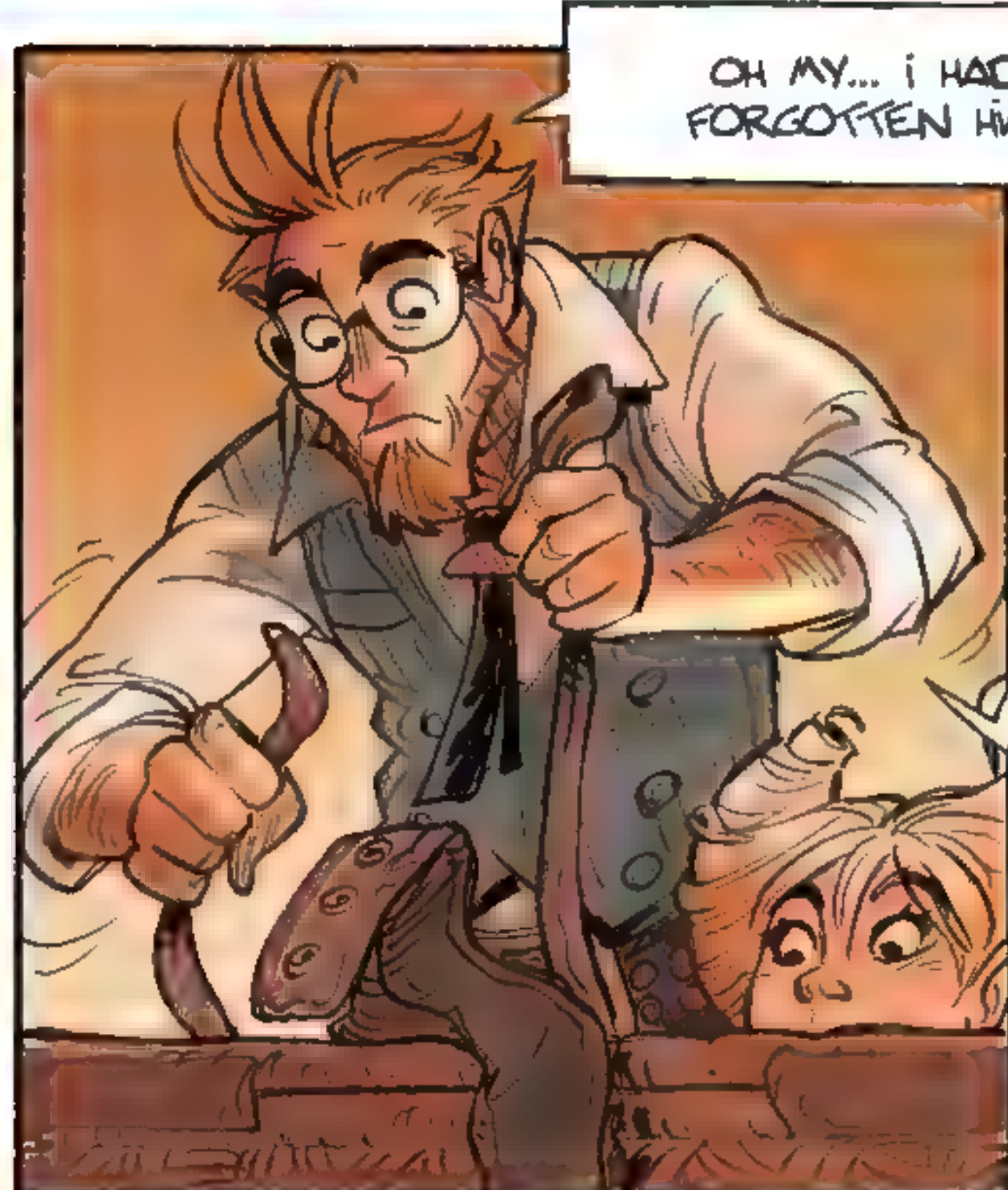
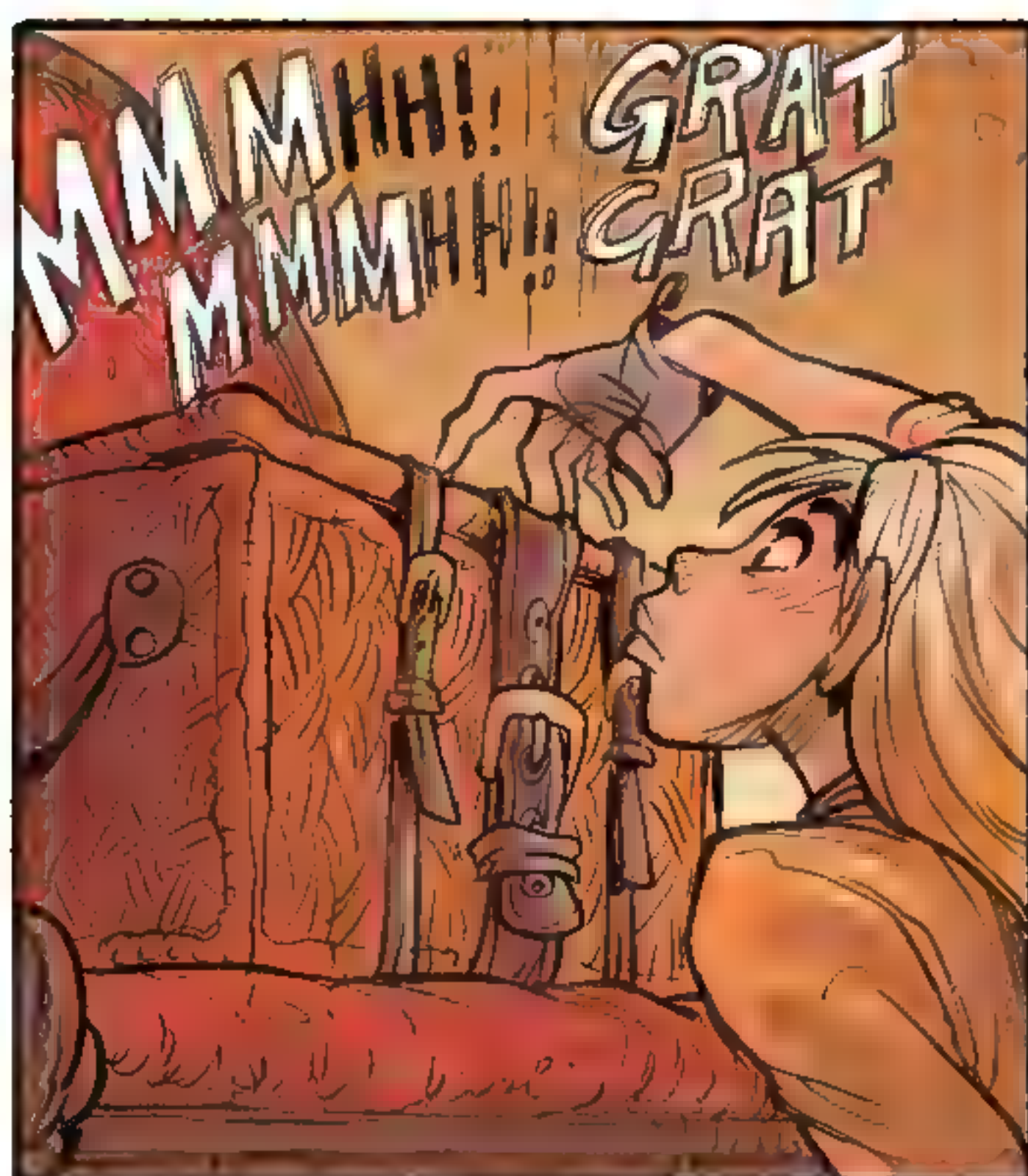
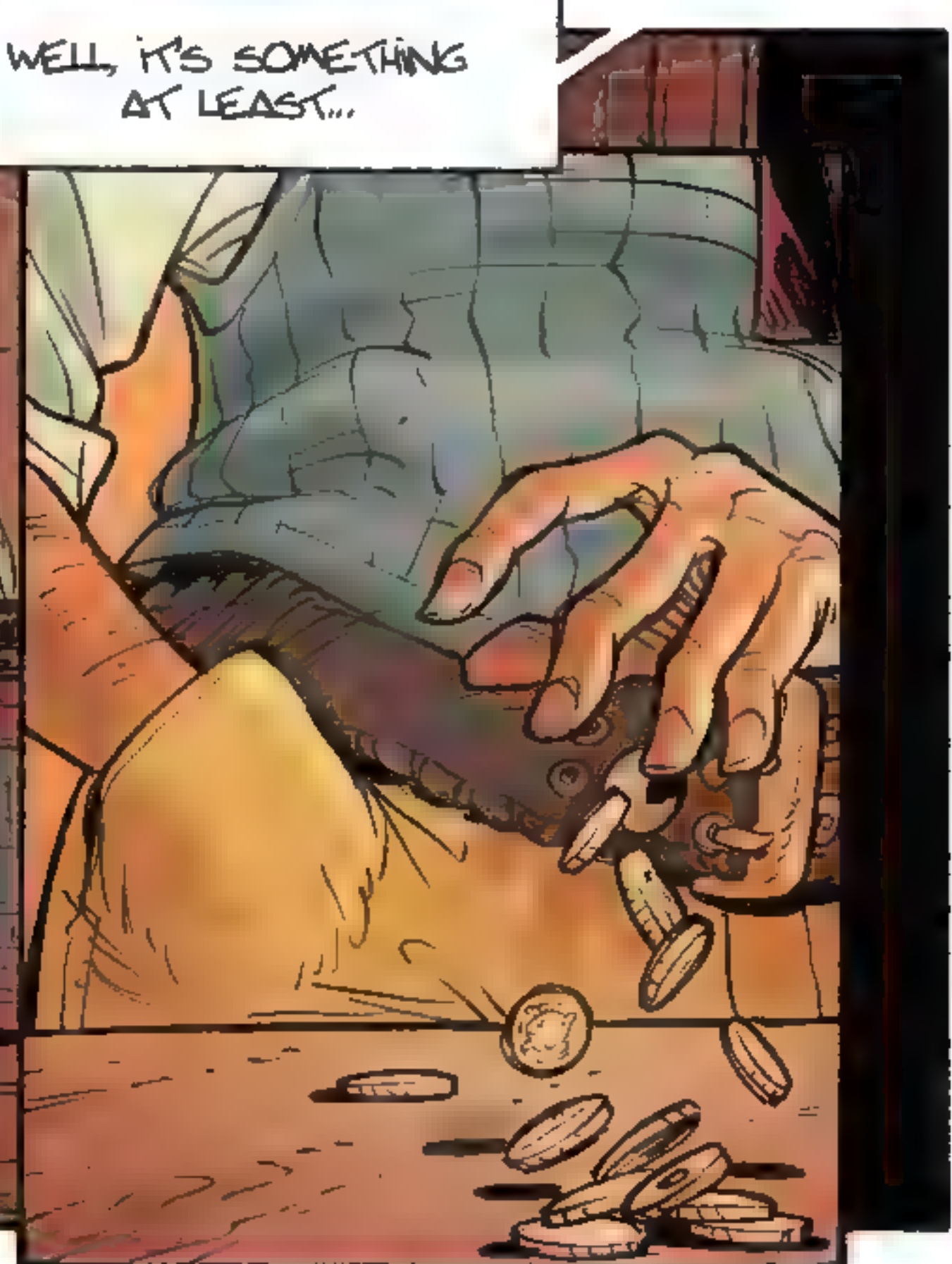
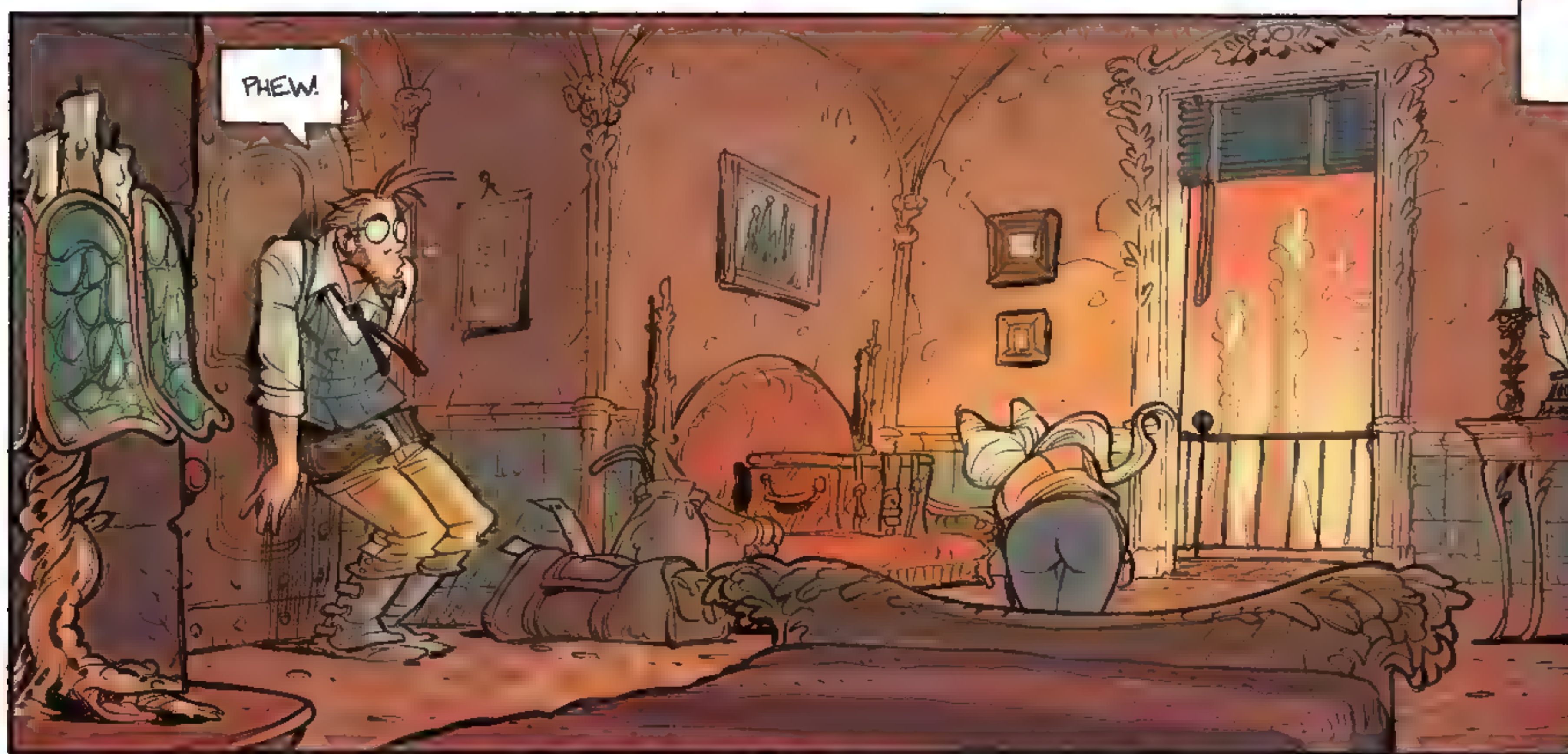


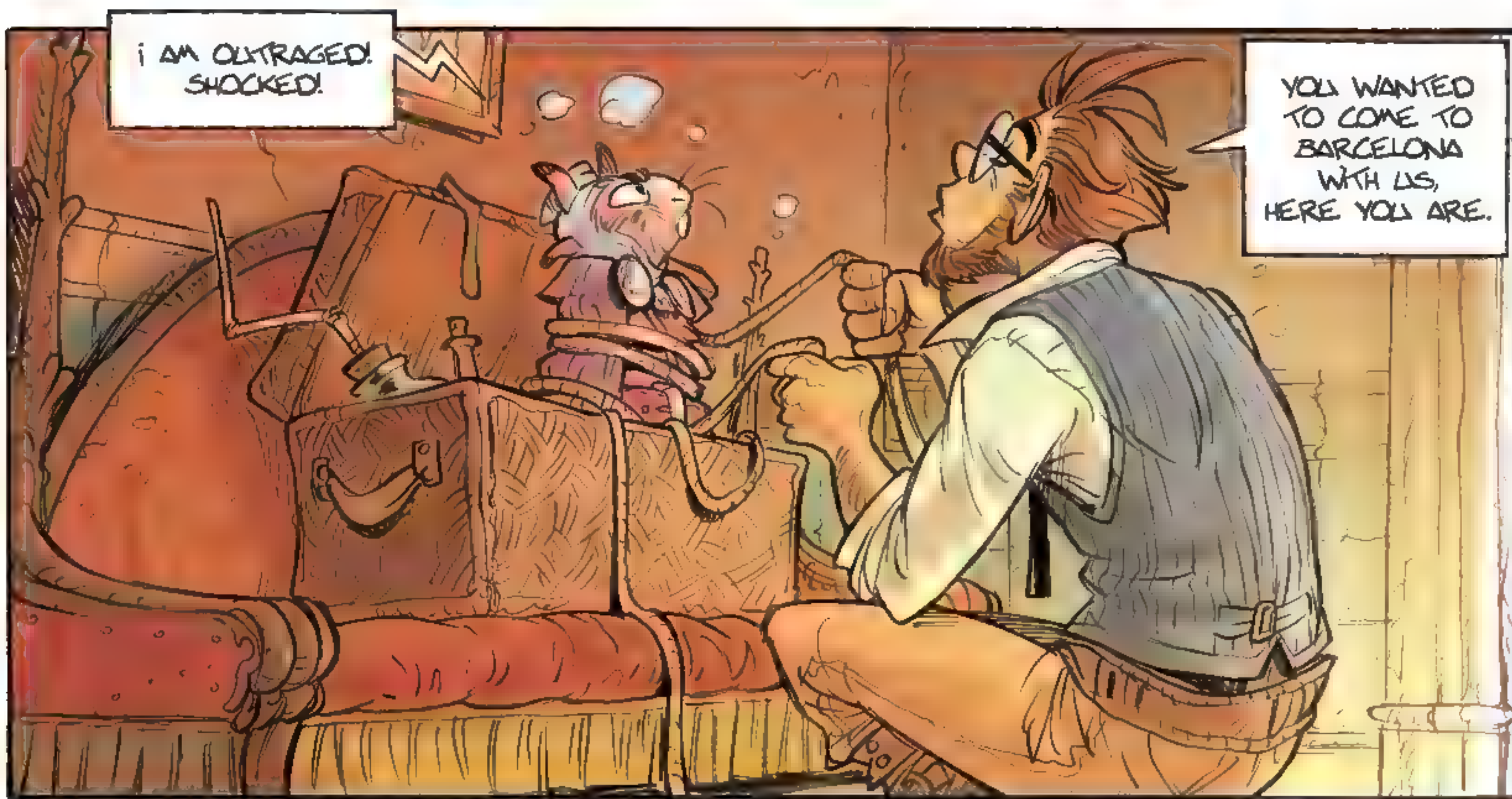
I'VE QUESTIONED EVERYONE WHO WAS AT SALVADOR'S PARTY.

AND IN YOUR FRIEND'S JACKET I FOUND A SMALL JEWEL THAT THE MAESTRO FORMALLY RECOGNISED: IT WAS IN THE SAFE WITH THE EXUBERANT BUBBLES.









I AM OUTRAGED!
SHOCKED!

YOU WANTED
TO COME TO
BARCELONA
WITH US,
HERE YOU ARE.



UNBELIEVABLE
TREATMENT
FOR A PRESALIN!

I COULD HAVE
YOU ARRESTED
AS DANGEROUS
CRIMINALS!



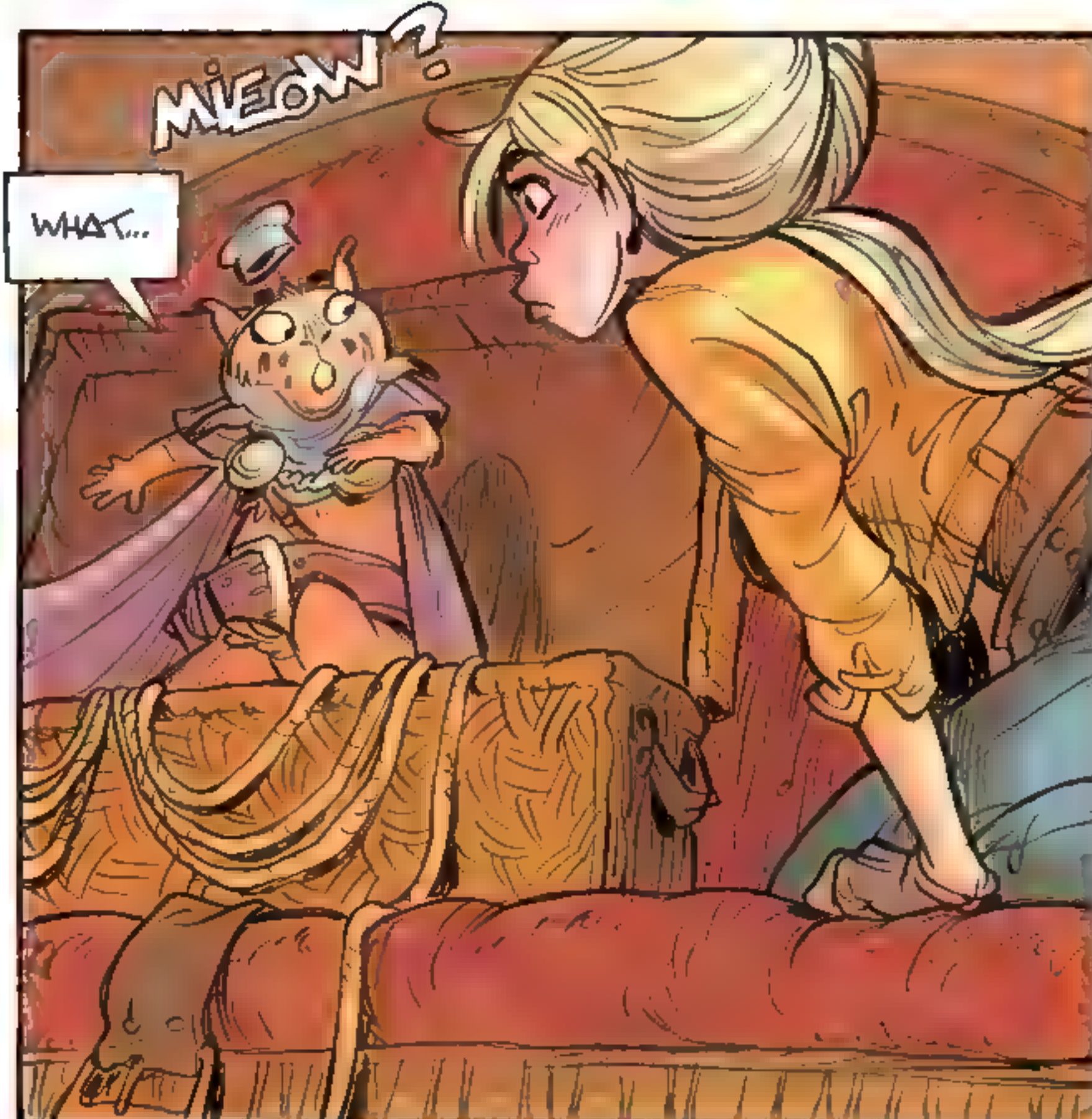
DANGEROUS! AM I THE ONE WHO
TURNED INTO A MONSTER WITH
CLAWS AND FANGS?

YOU PROVOKED
ME.



ANYWAY, I AGREE
WITH FOURMILLE.
YOU HAVE SOME
EXPLAINING TO
DO ON THIS AND
ON ALL THE REST,
MISTER PRESALIN!

AND
FAST!



MIEOW?

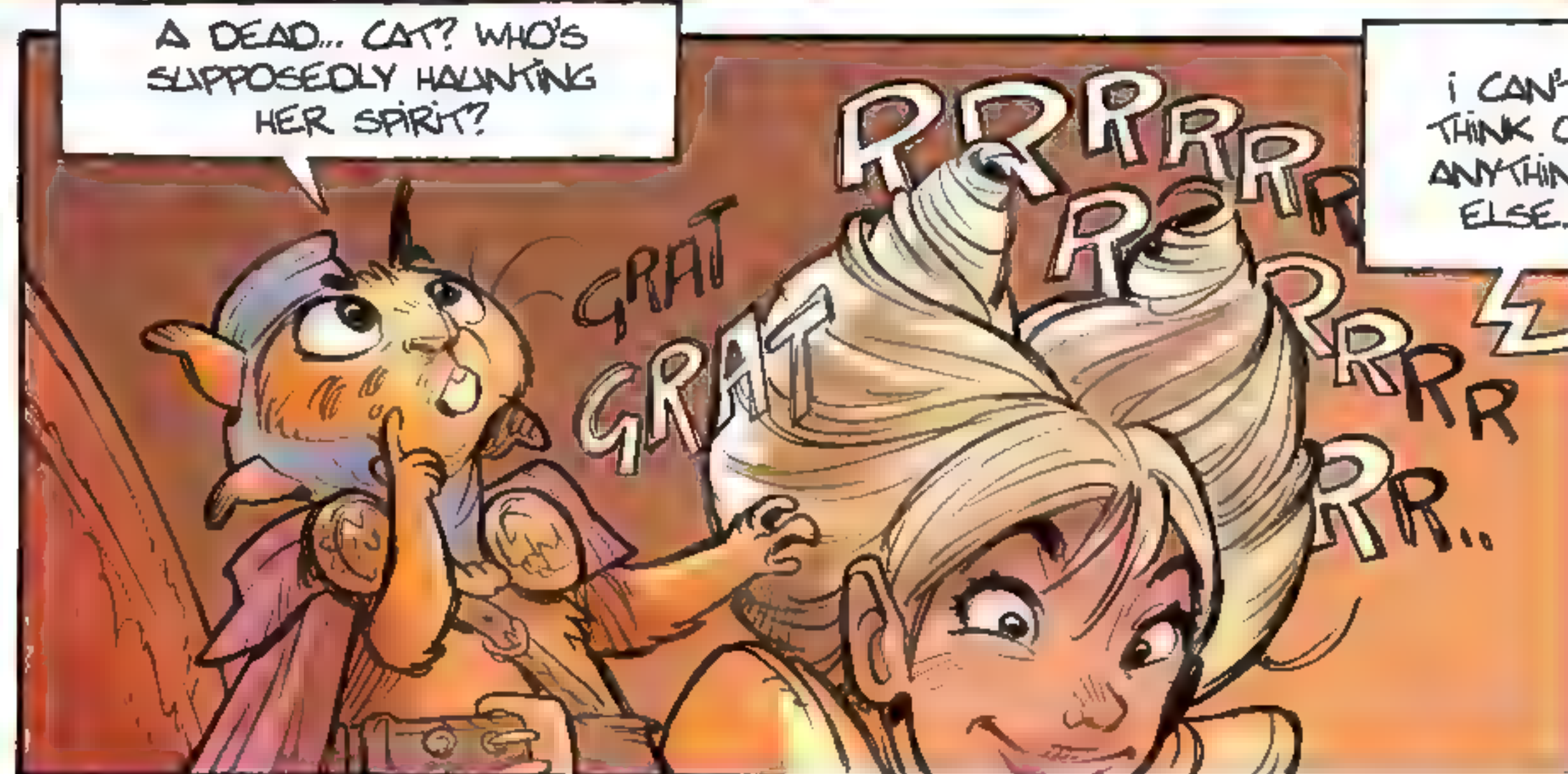
WHAT...



WHAT
HAPPENED TO
MISS GRATILE
THIS TIME?

AH, THAT!

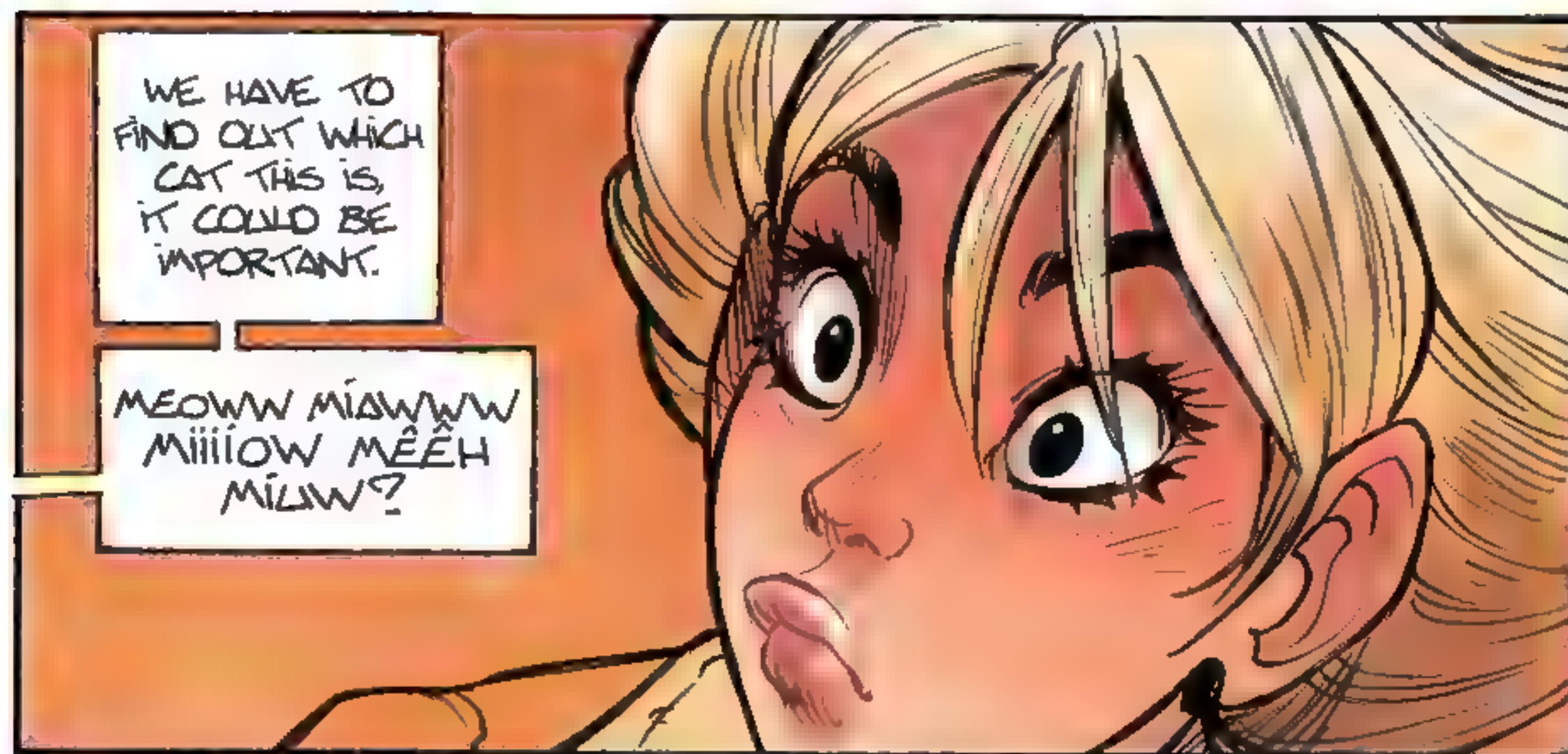
WELL... I DON'T
REALLY KNOW.
LOOKS LIKE SHE
THINKS SHE'S A CAT!



A DEAD... CAT? WHO'S
SUPPOSEDLY HAUNTING
HER SPIRIT?

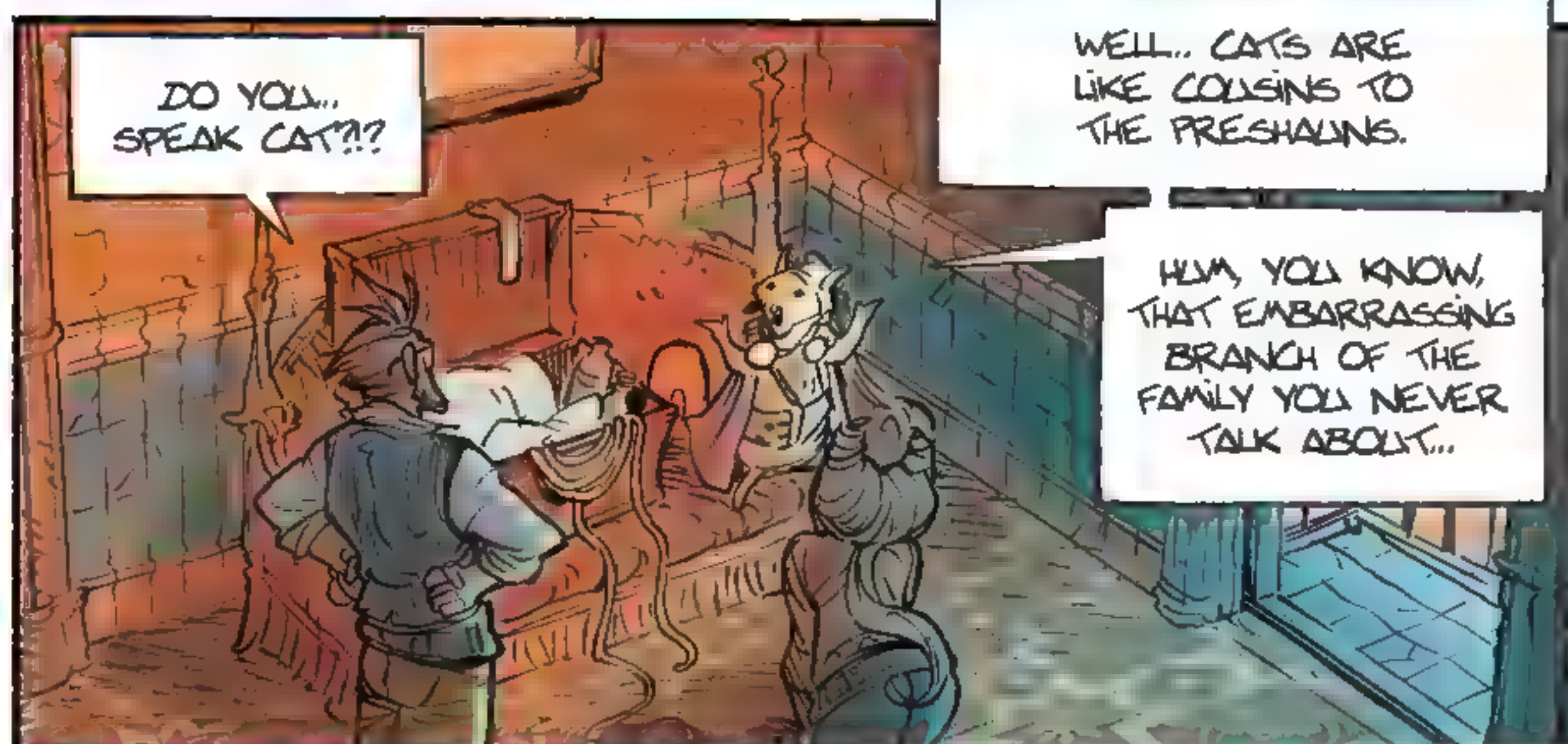
GRAT
GRAT

I CAN'T
THINK OF
ANYTHING
ELSE.



WE HAVE TO
FIND OUT WHICH
CAT THIS IS.
IT COULD BE
IMPORTANT.

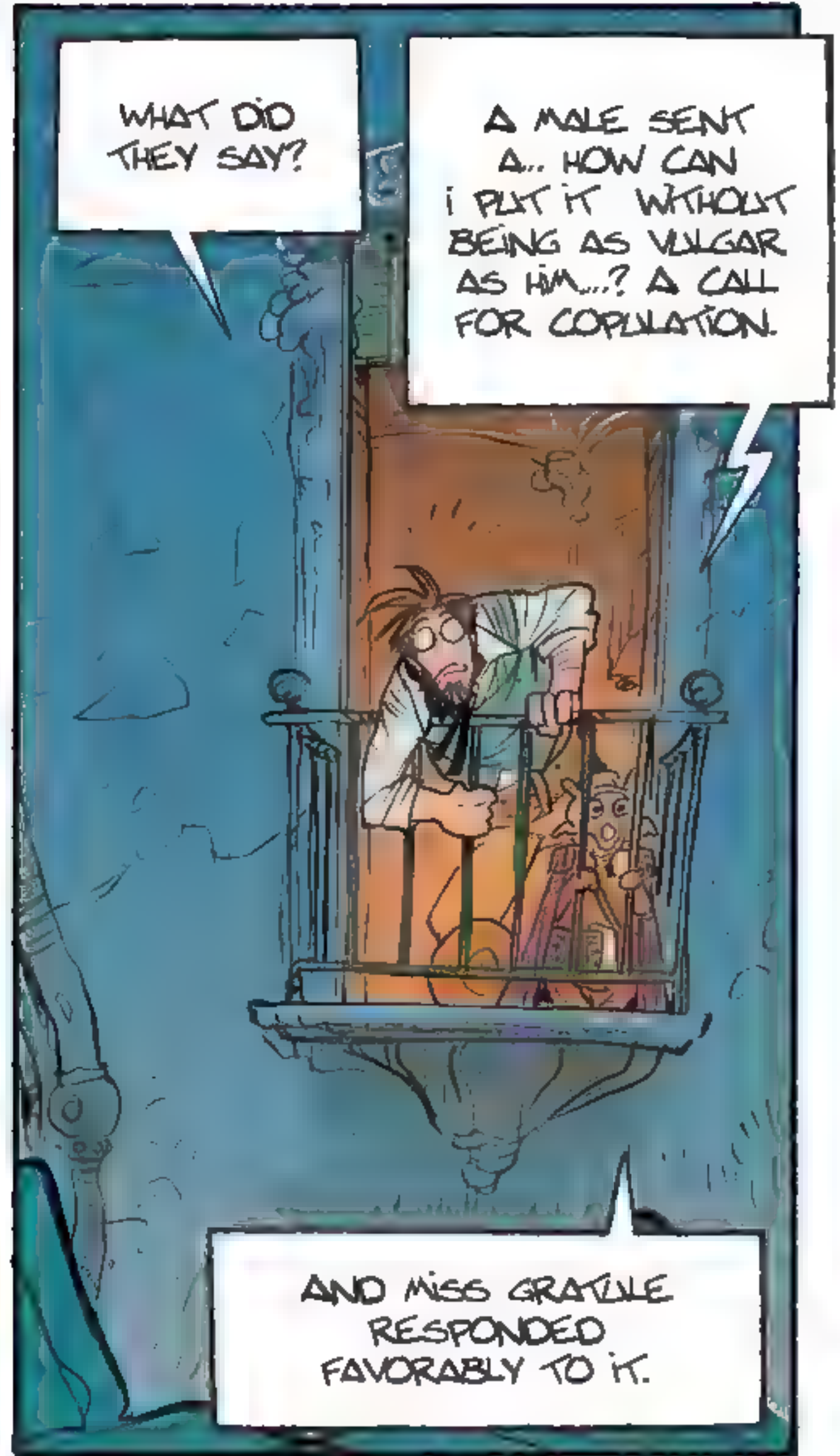
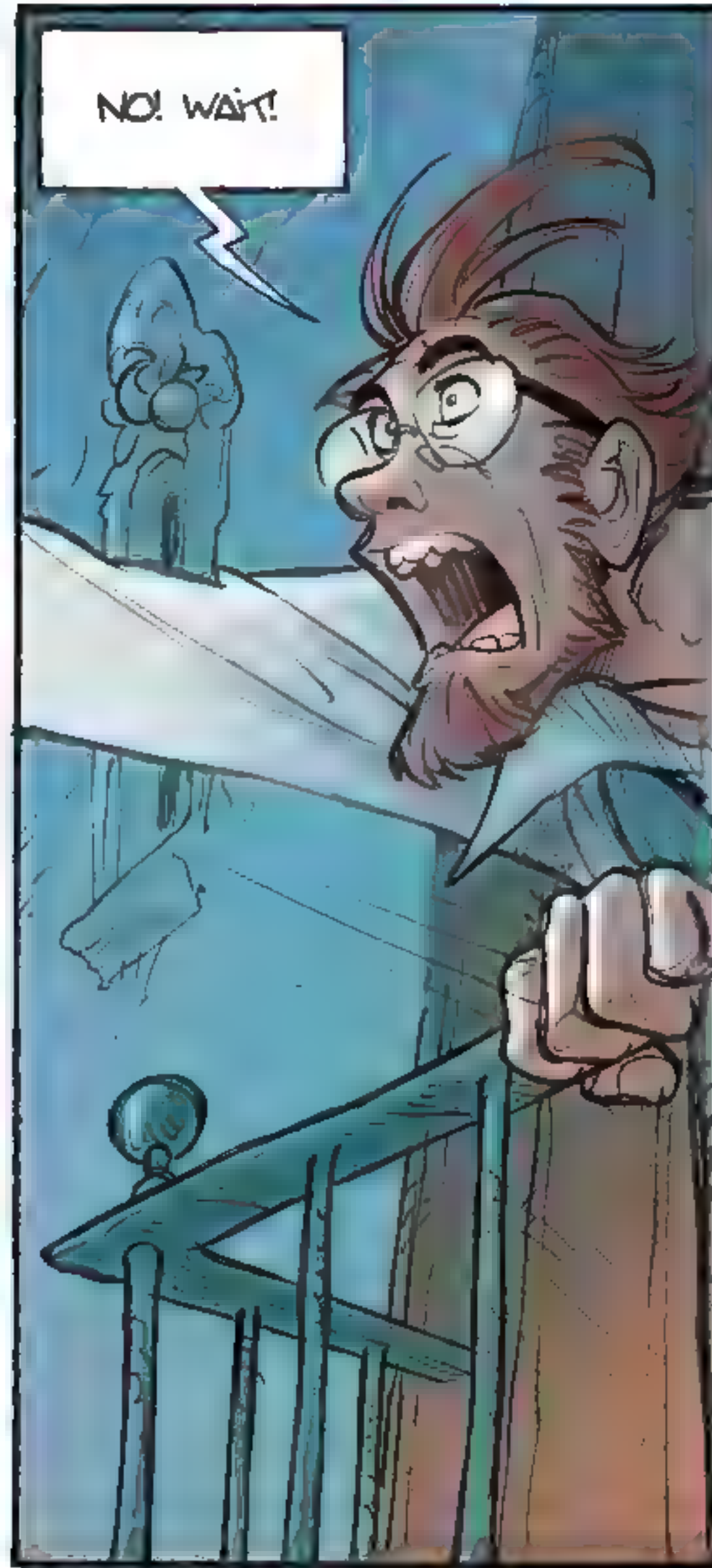
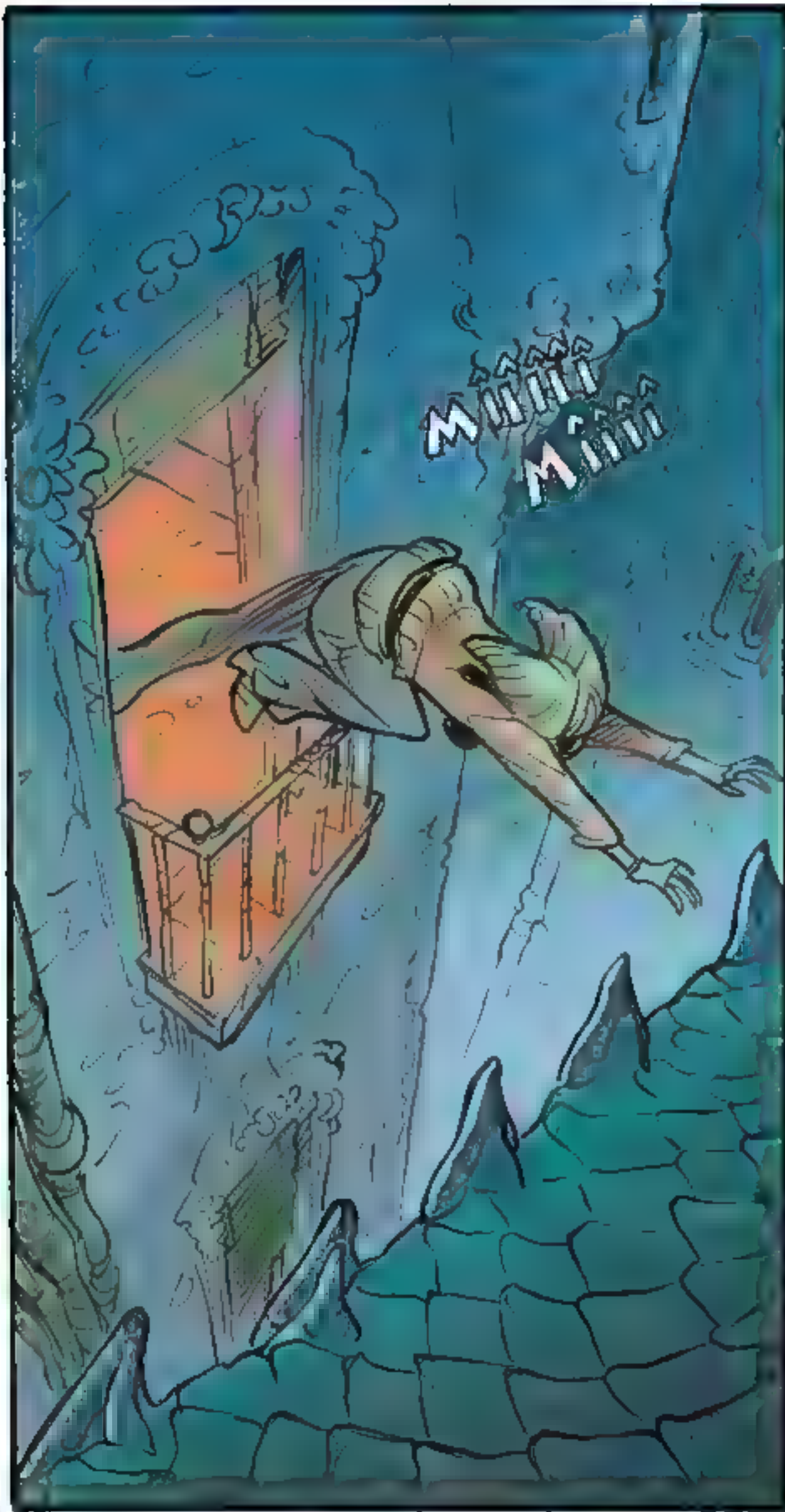
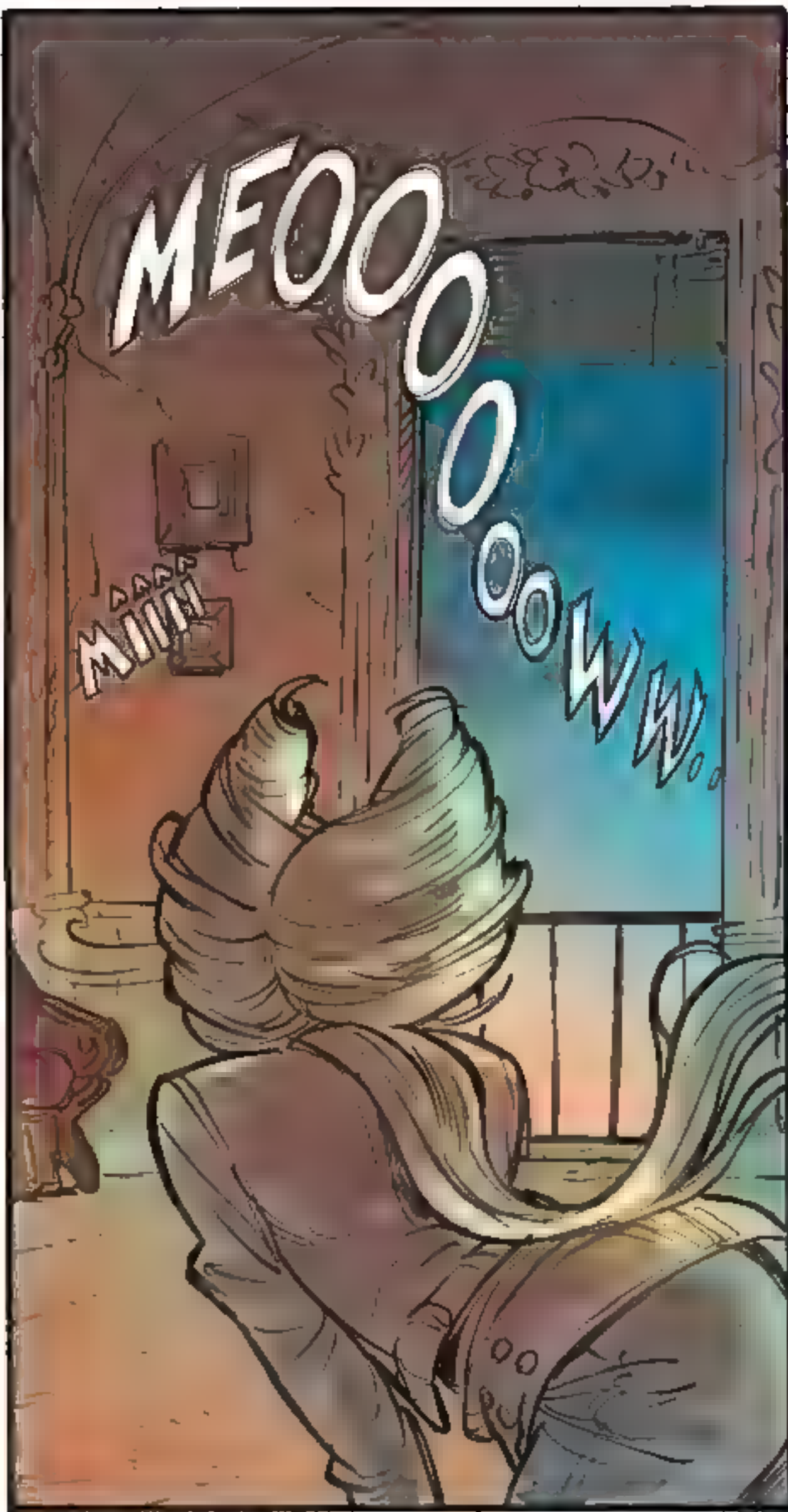
MEOWW MIAWWW
MIIIIOW MEEH
MIIWW?

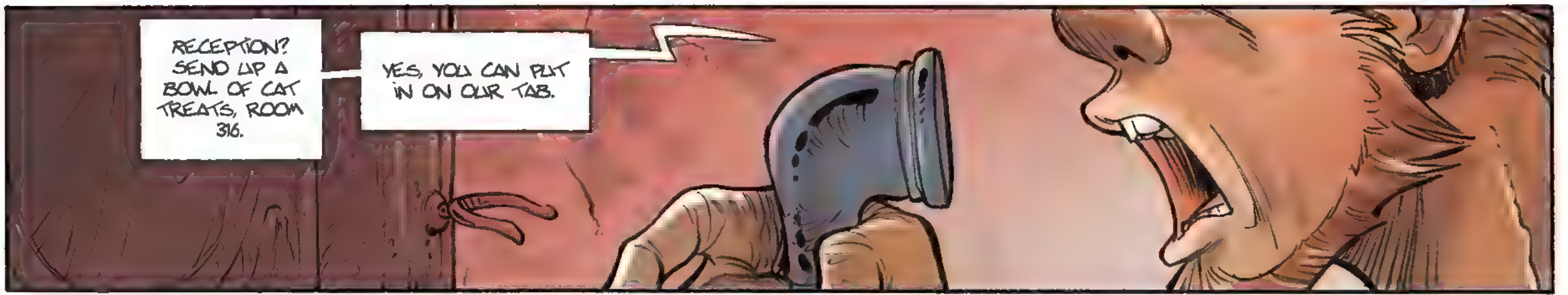
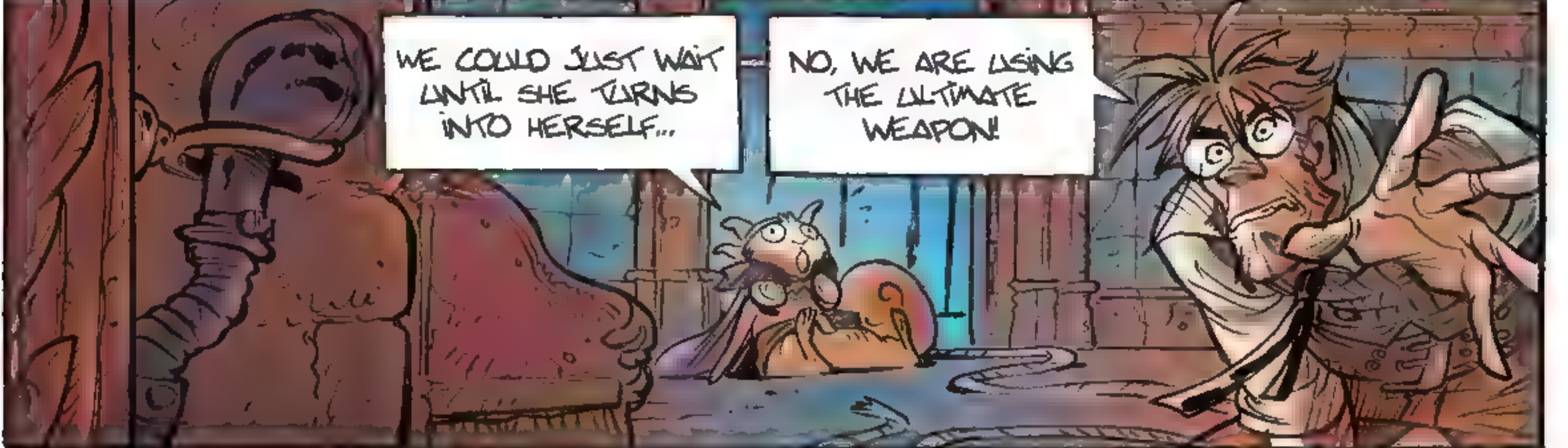
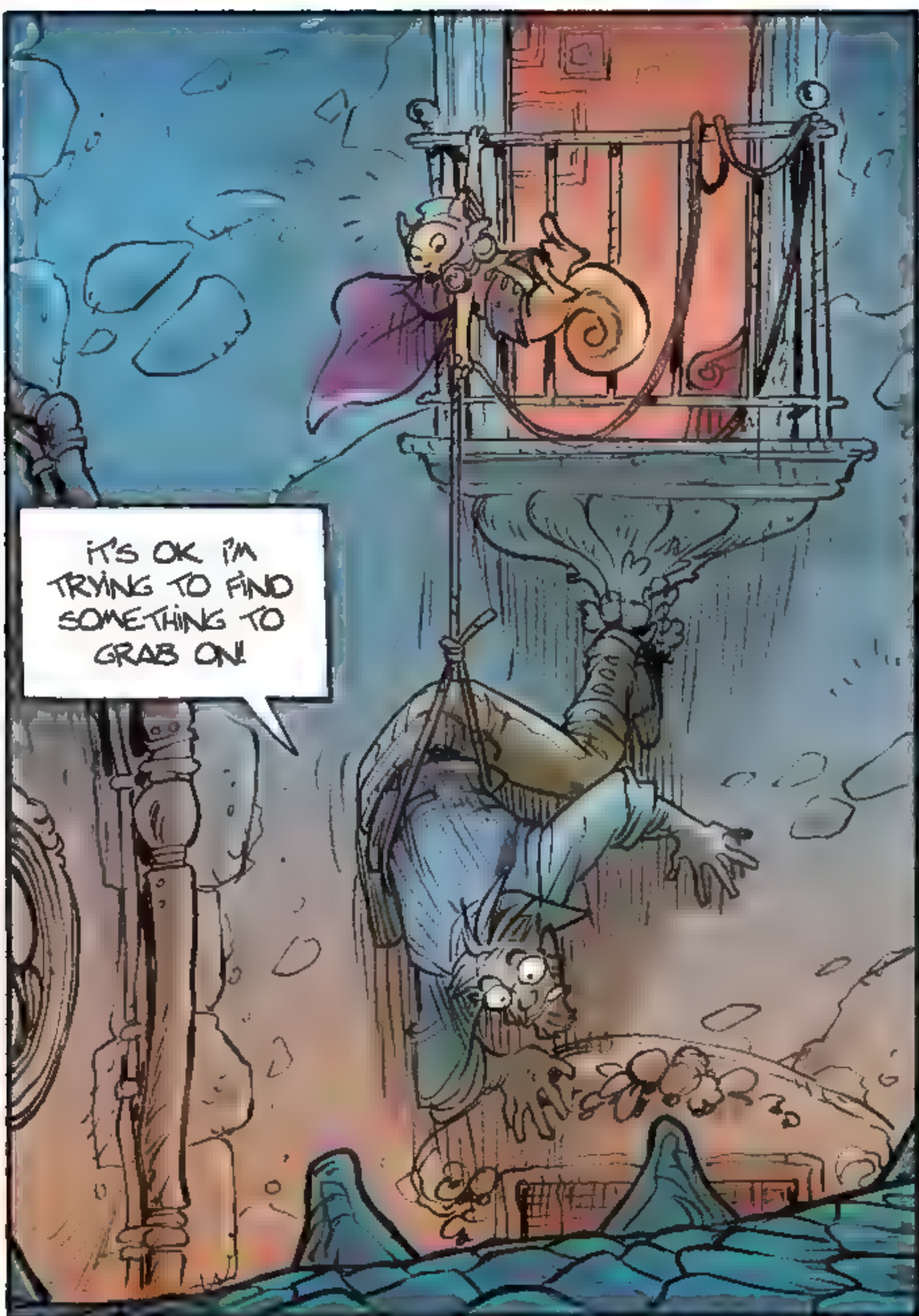
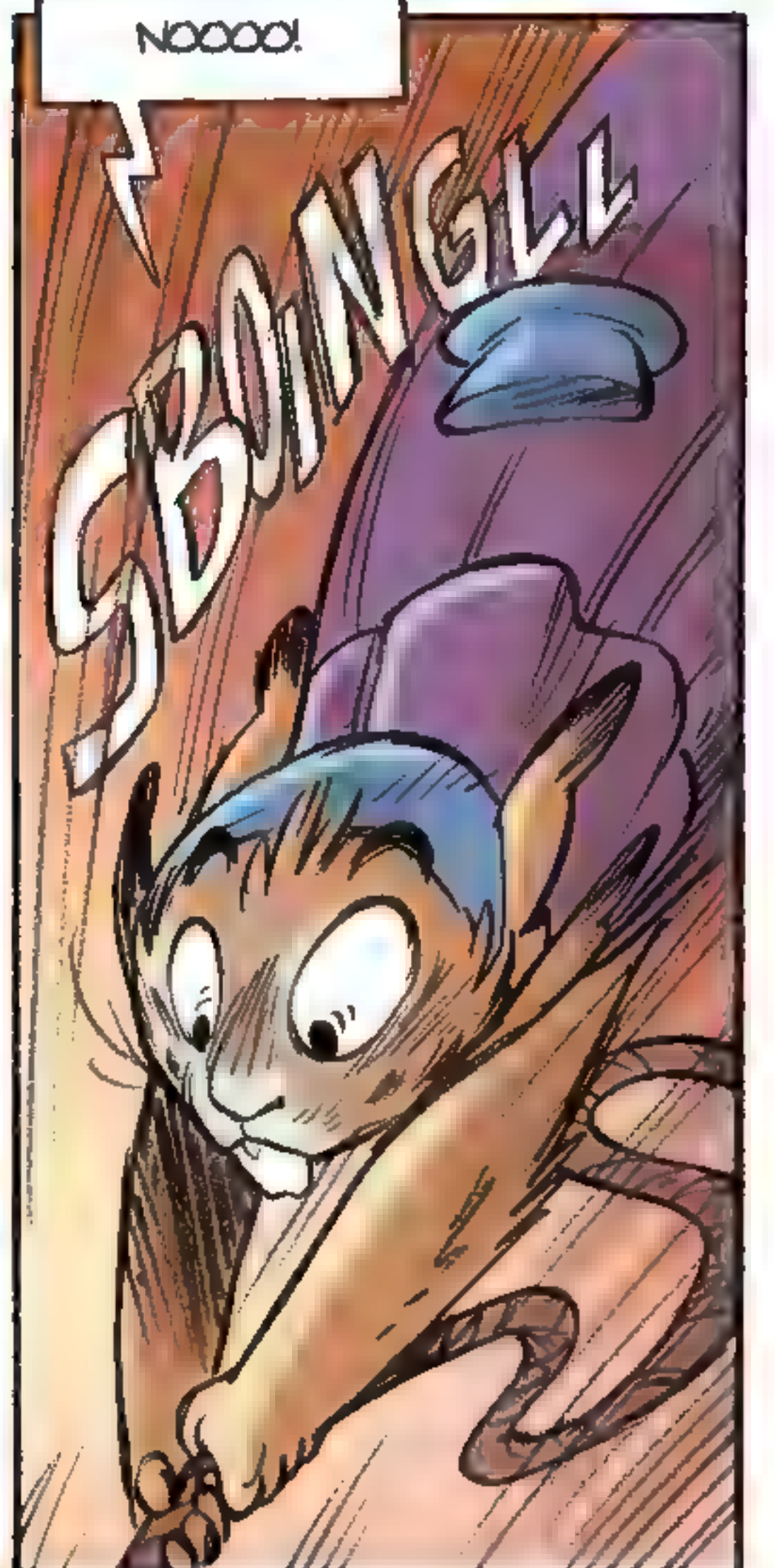
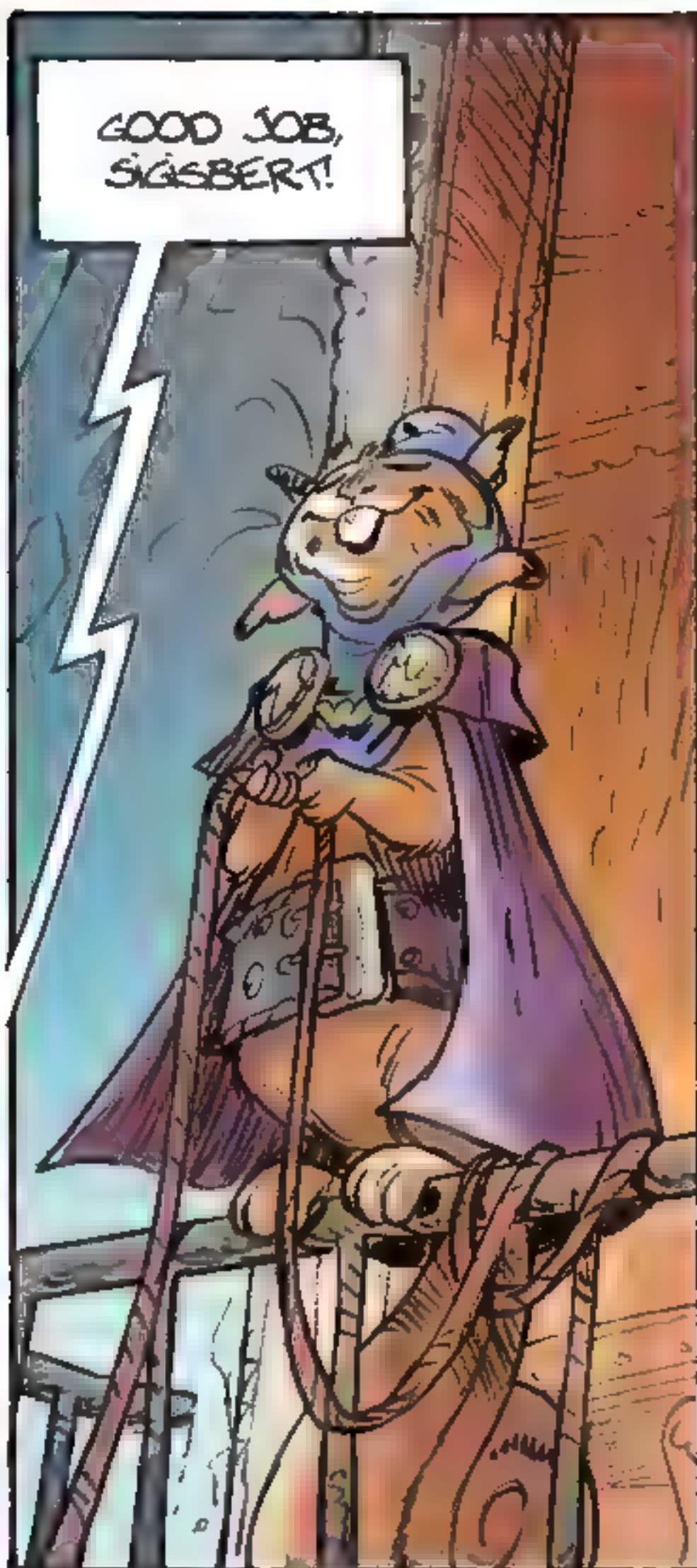
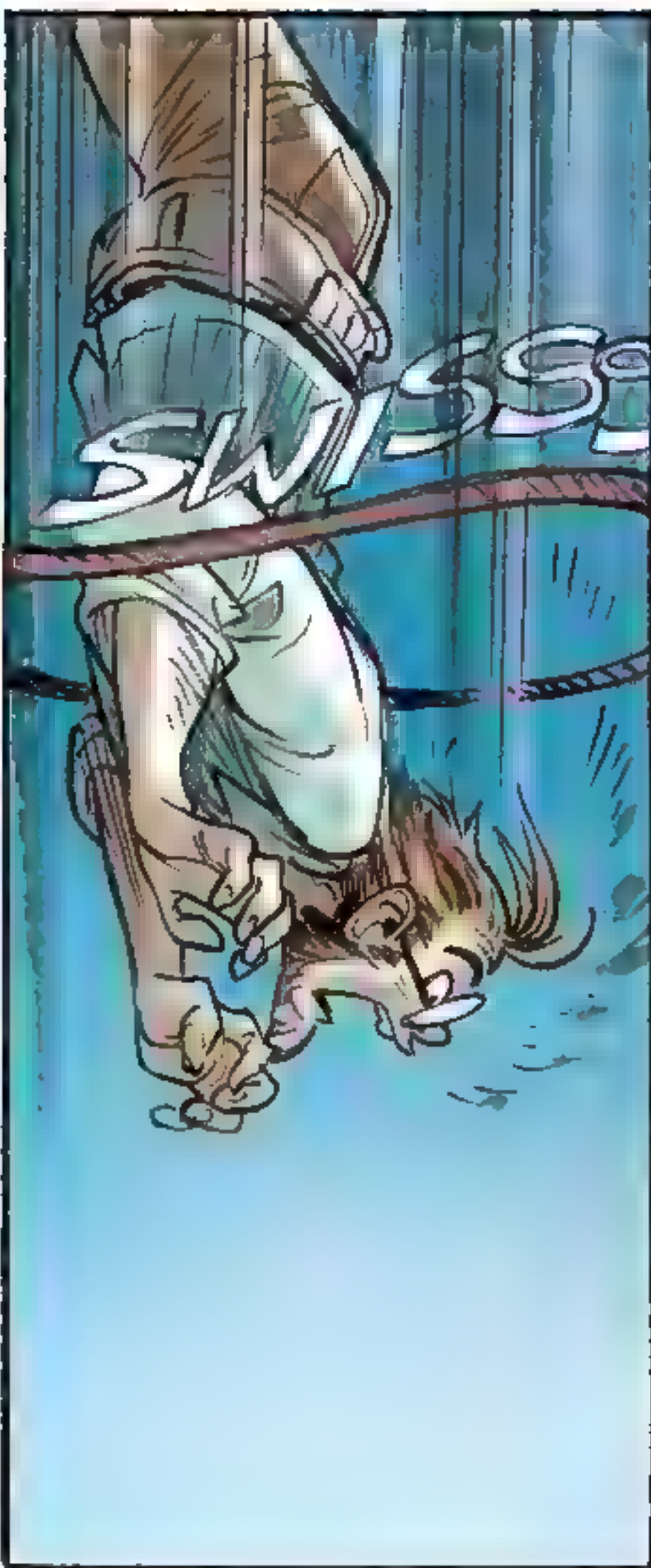


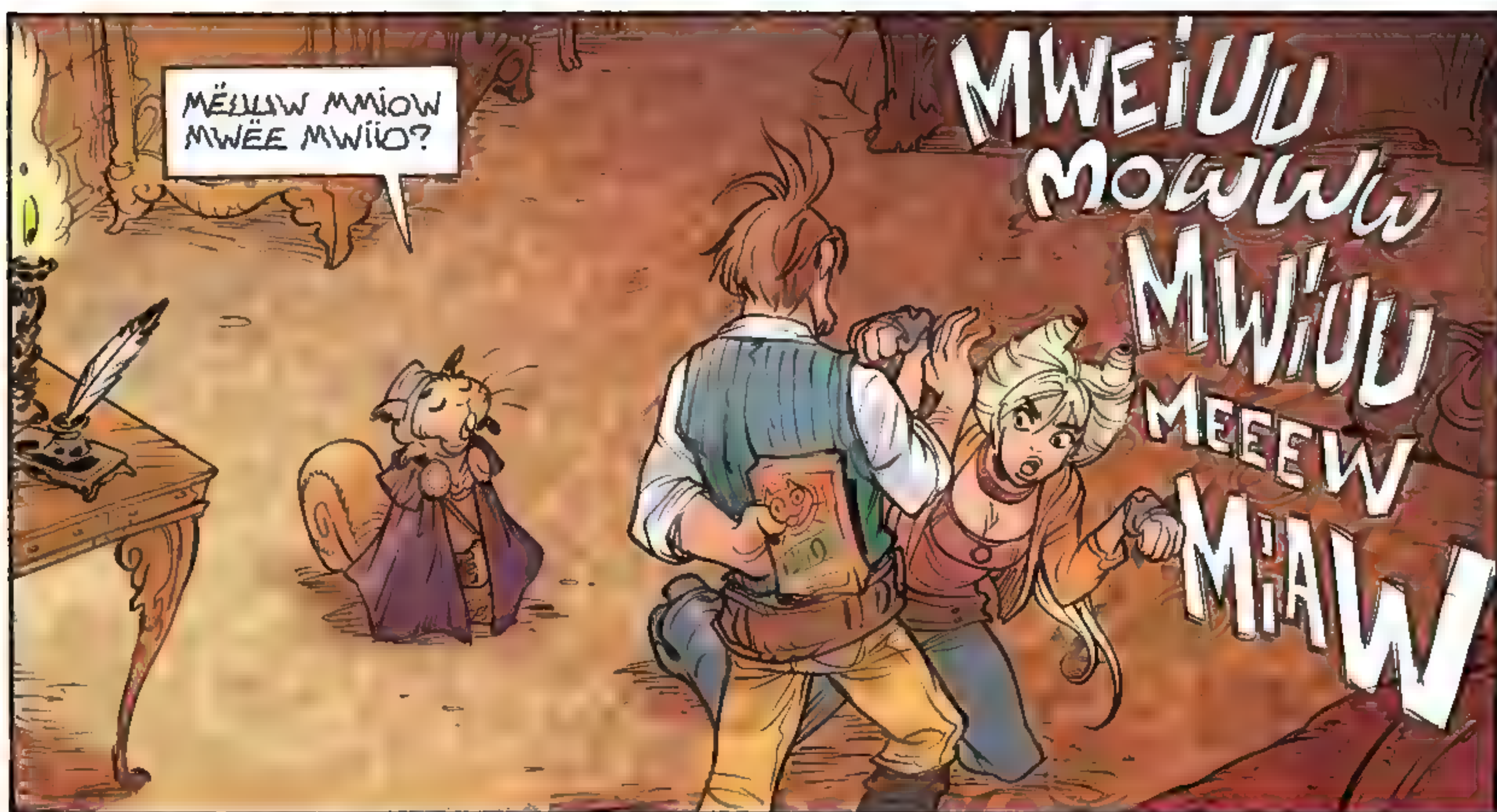
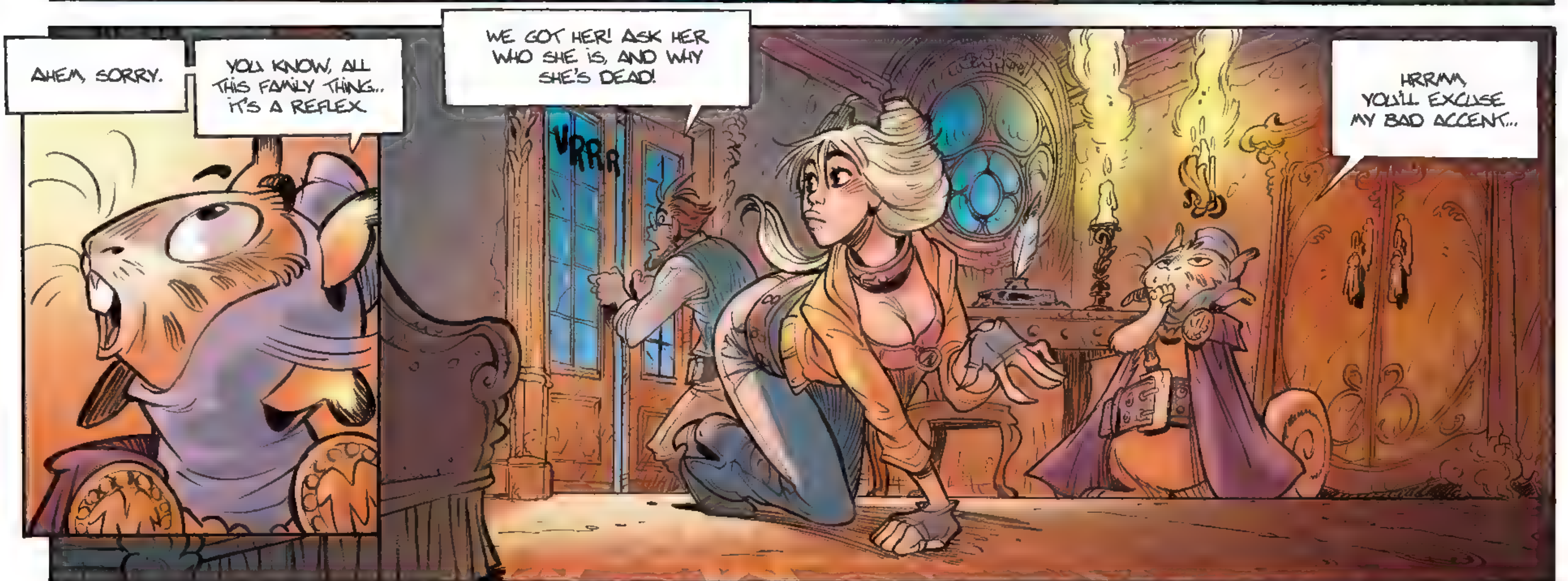
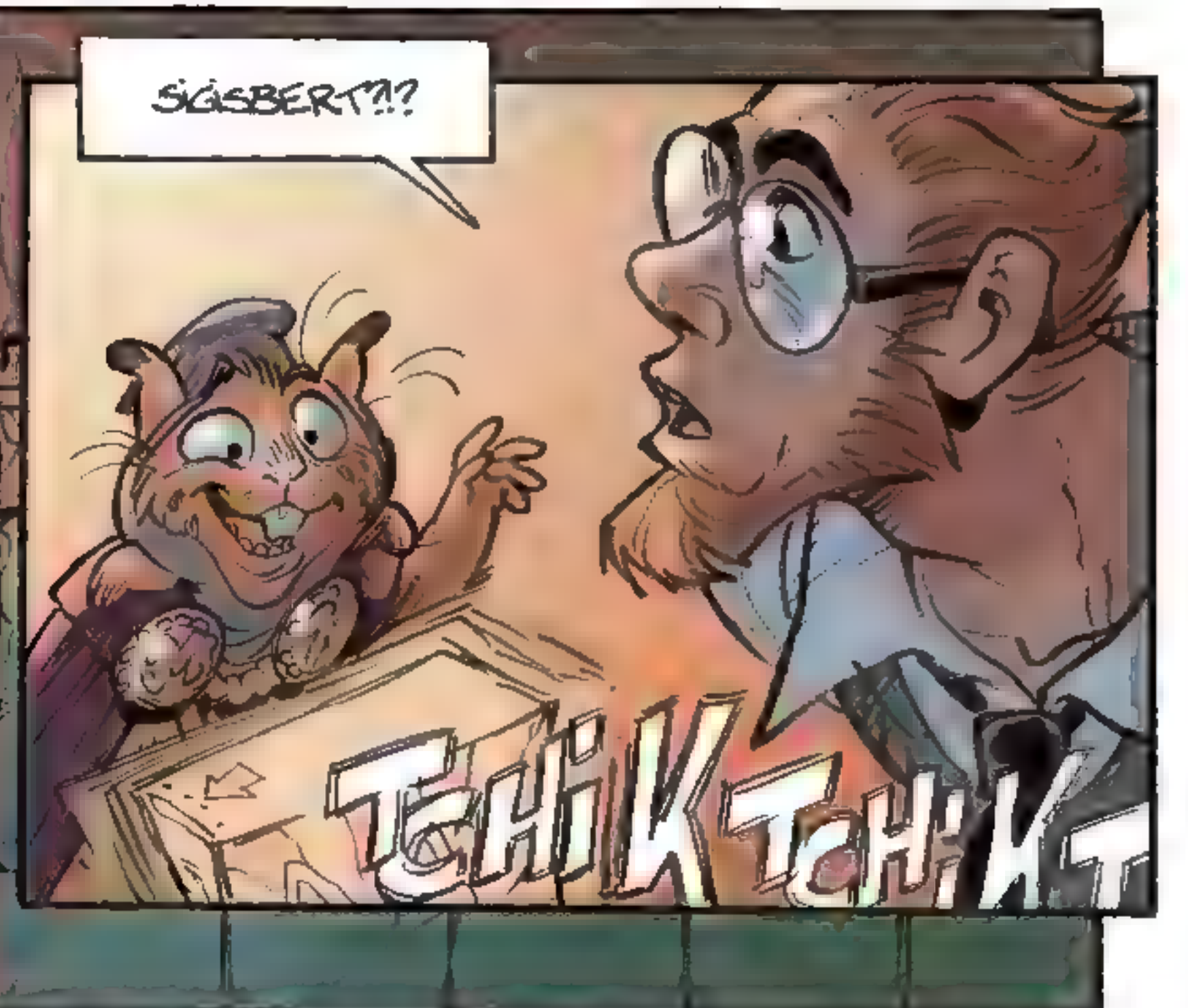
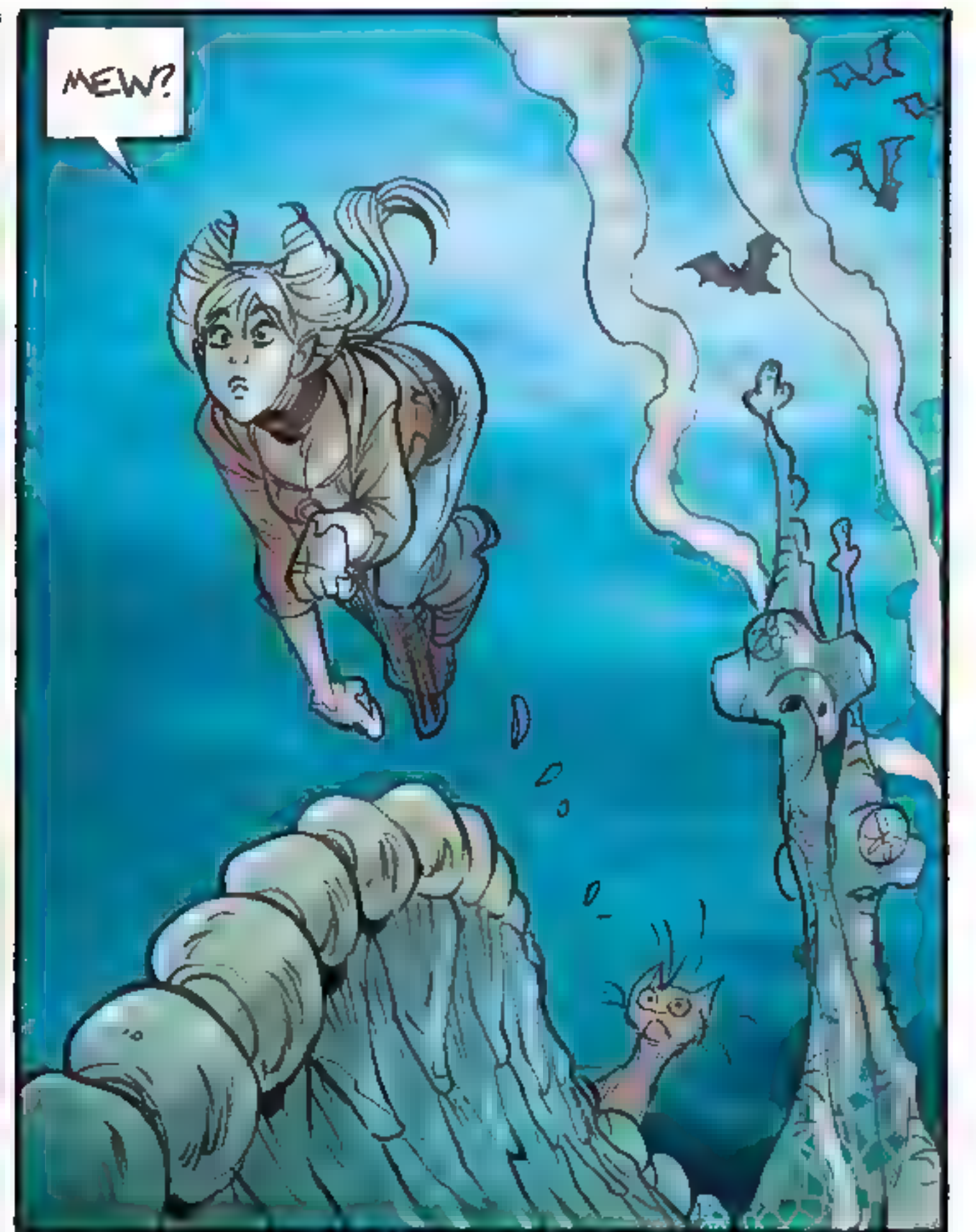
DO YOU...
SPEAK CAT???

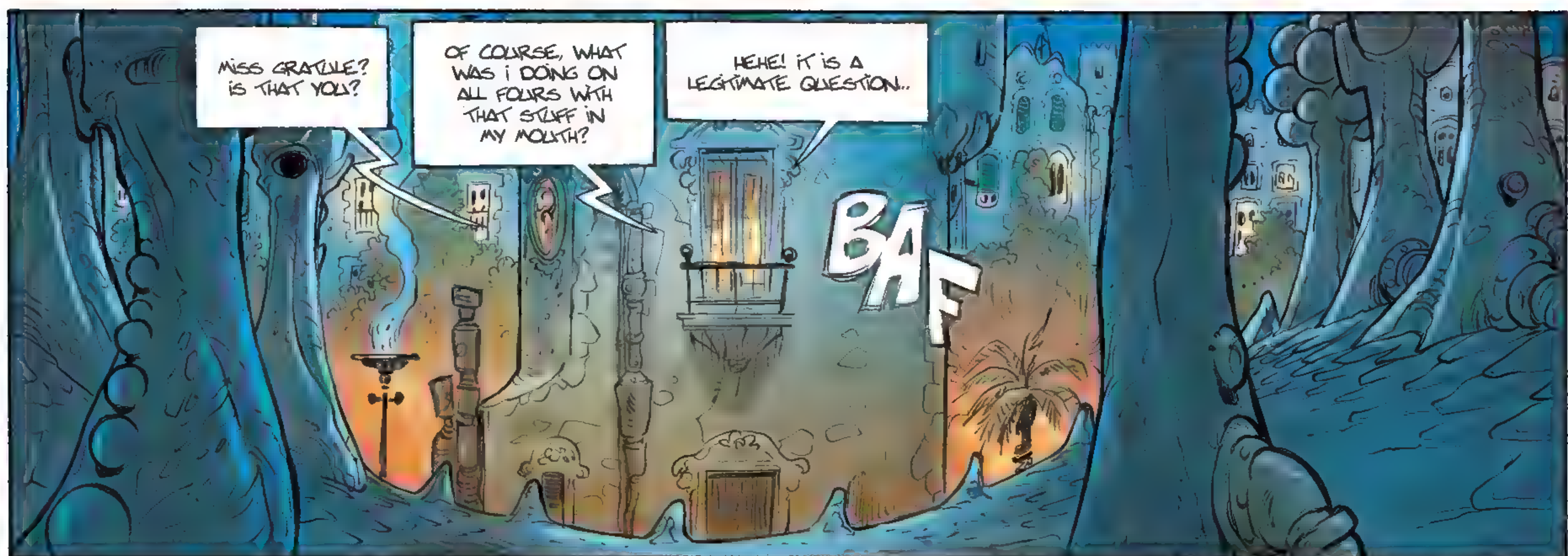
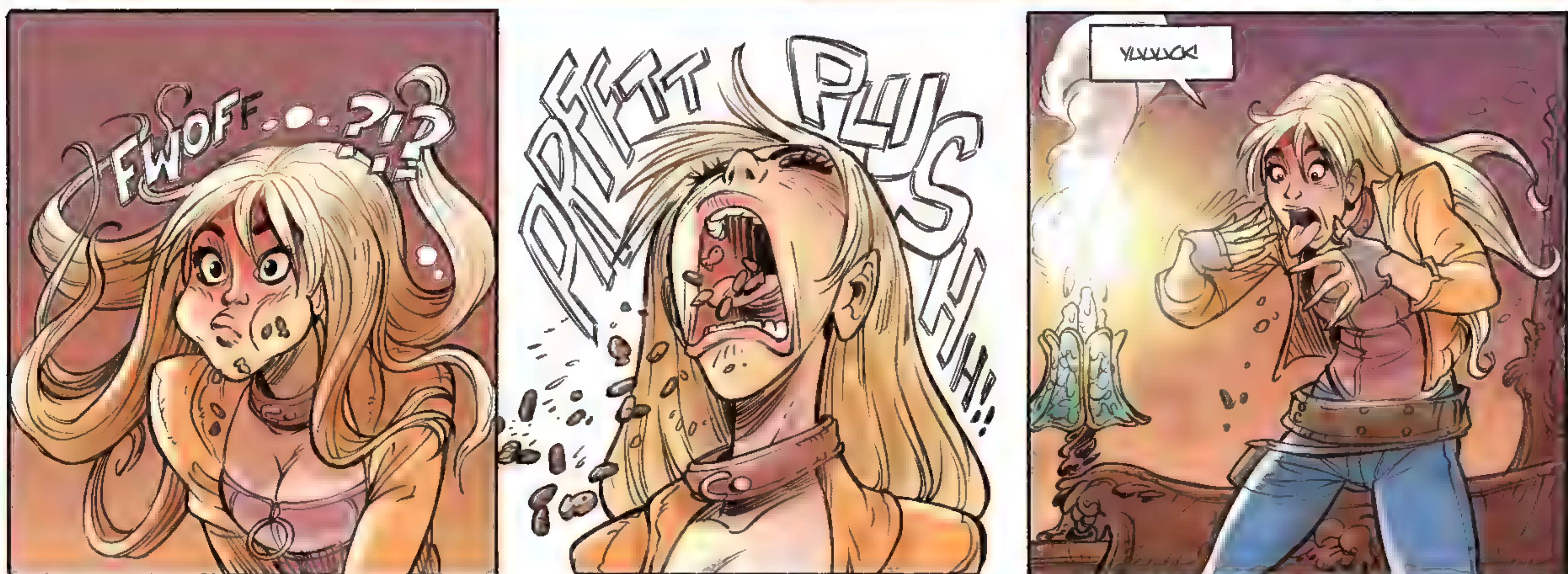
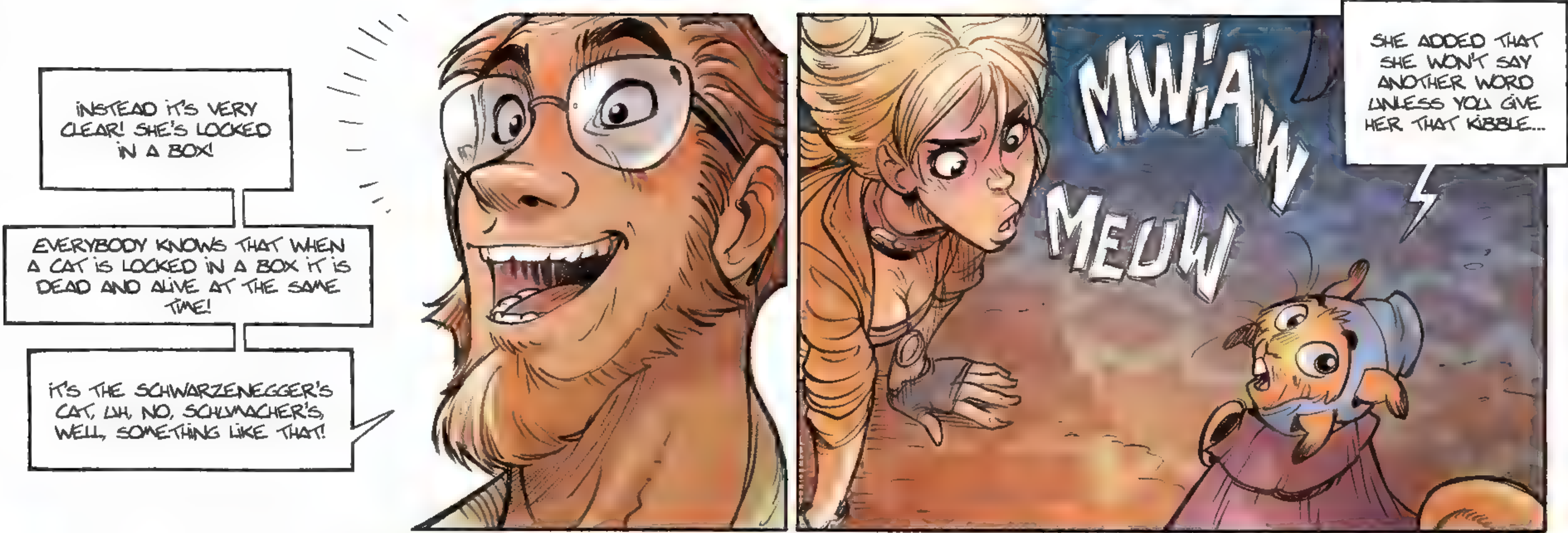
WELL... CATS ARE
LIKE COUSINS TO
THE PRESALINS.

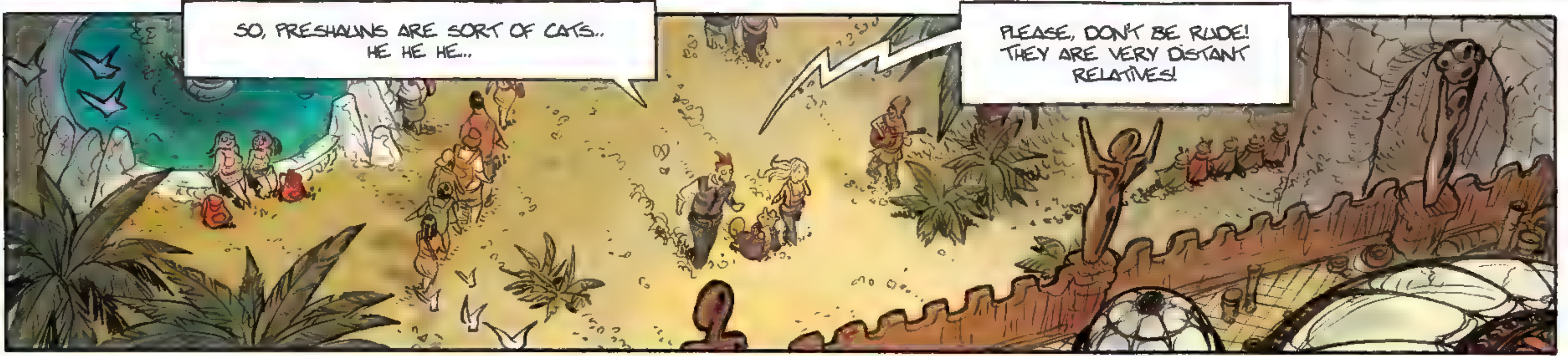
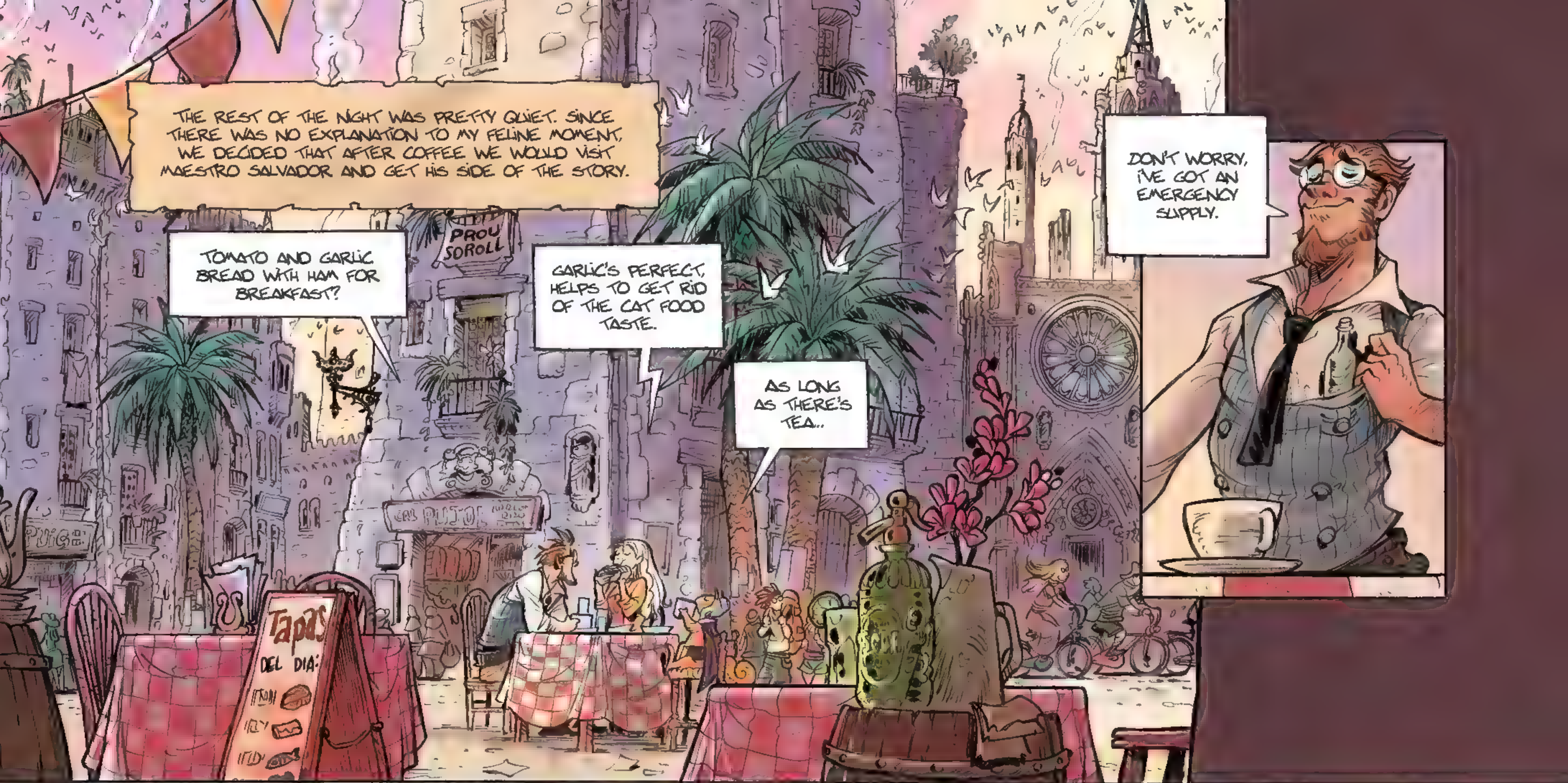
HUM, YOU KNOW
THAT EMBARRASSING
BRANCH OF THE
FAMILY YOU NEVER
TALK ABOUT...













BLANGANKLONK
BLINC

MAYBE
HE'S NOT
AT HOME?

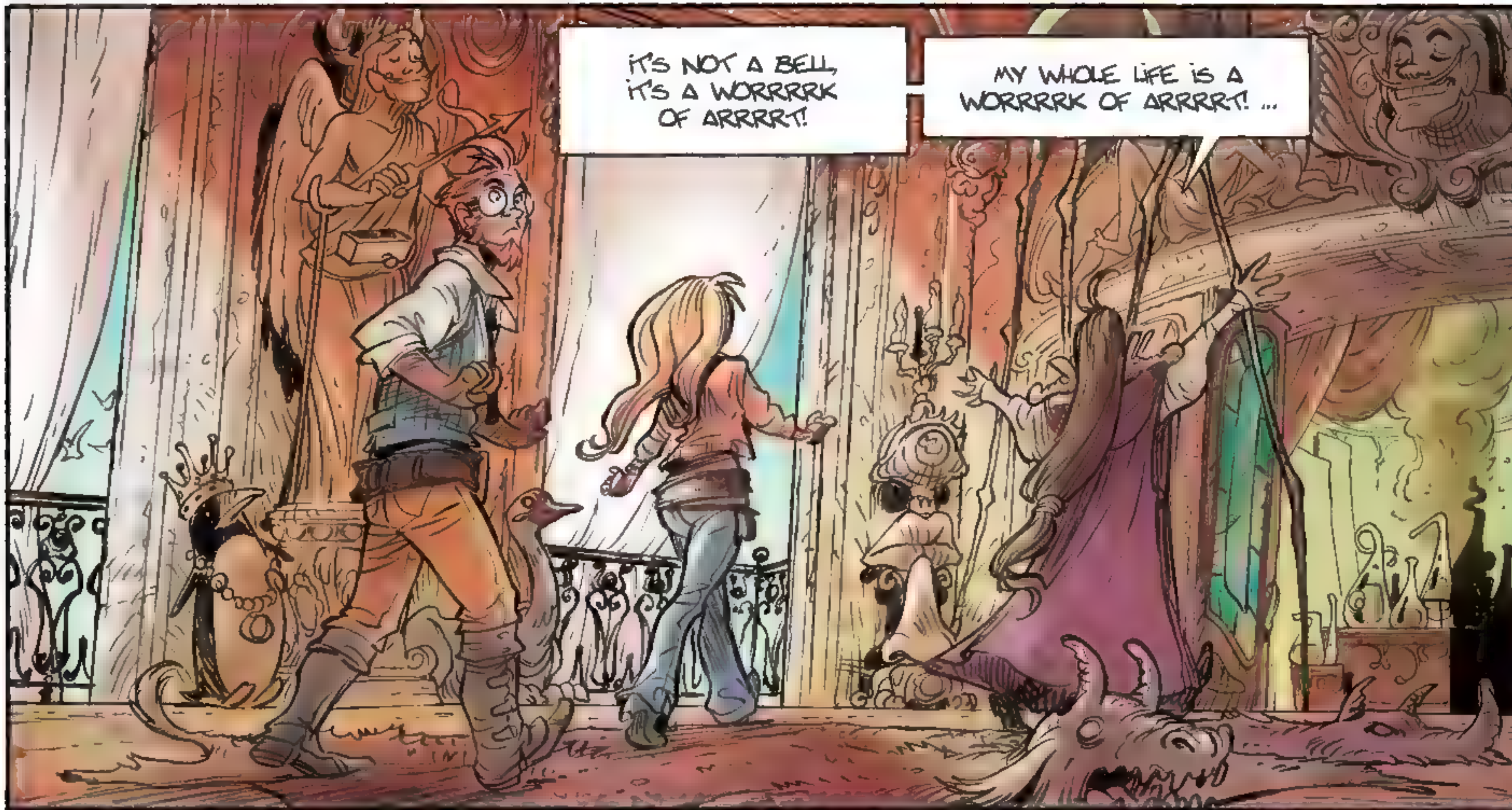
OR MAYBE
HE'S DEAF!



WHAT'S ALL THIS
RRRRRUM-PLUS??

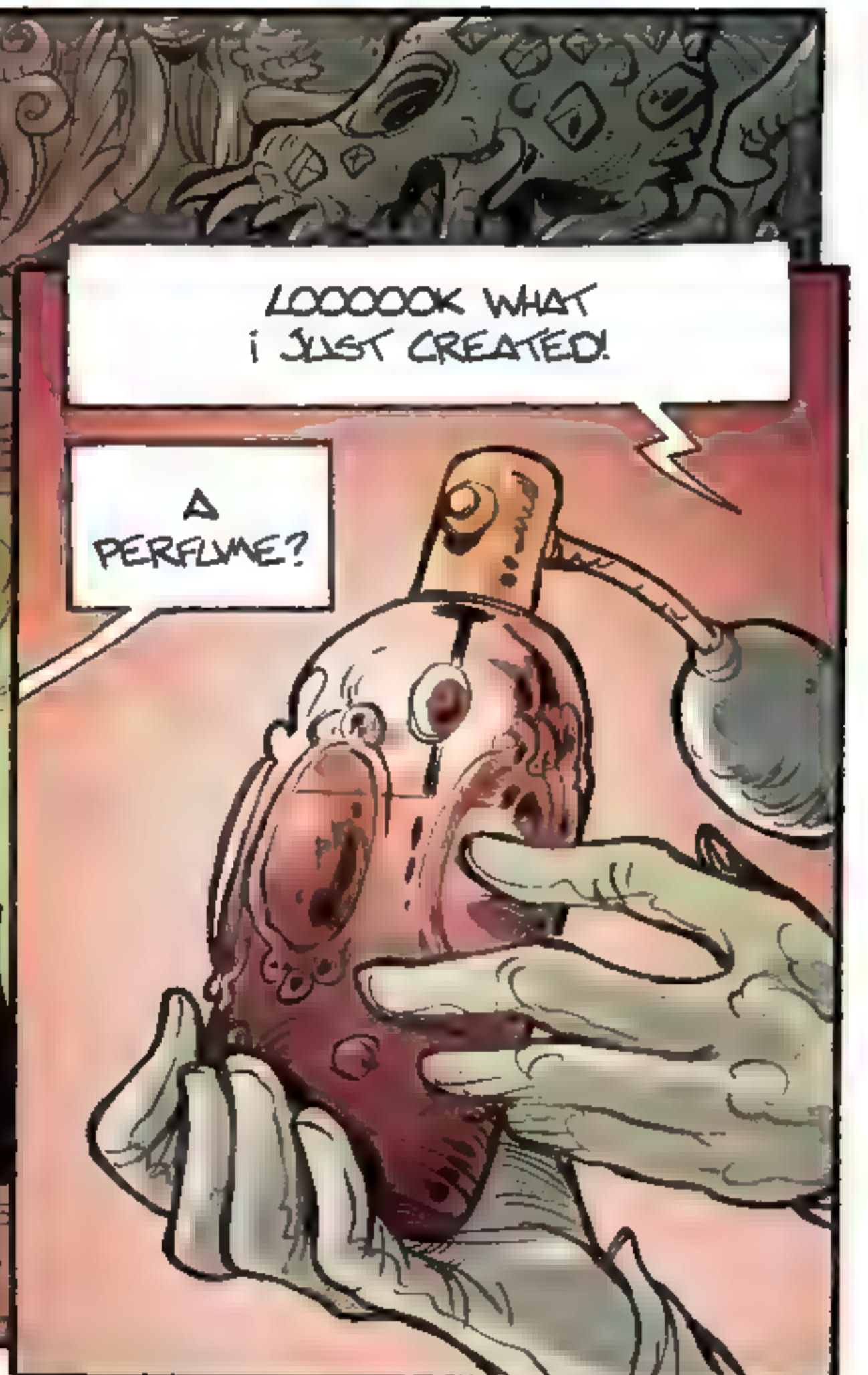


WELL, IT'S
YOUR BELL...



IT'S NOT A BELL,
IT'S A WORRRRK
OF ARRRRT!

MY WHOLE LIFE IS A
WORRRRK OF ARRRRT! ...



LOOOOOK WHAT
I JUST CREATED!

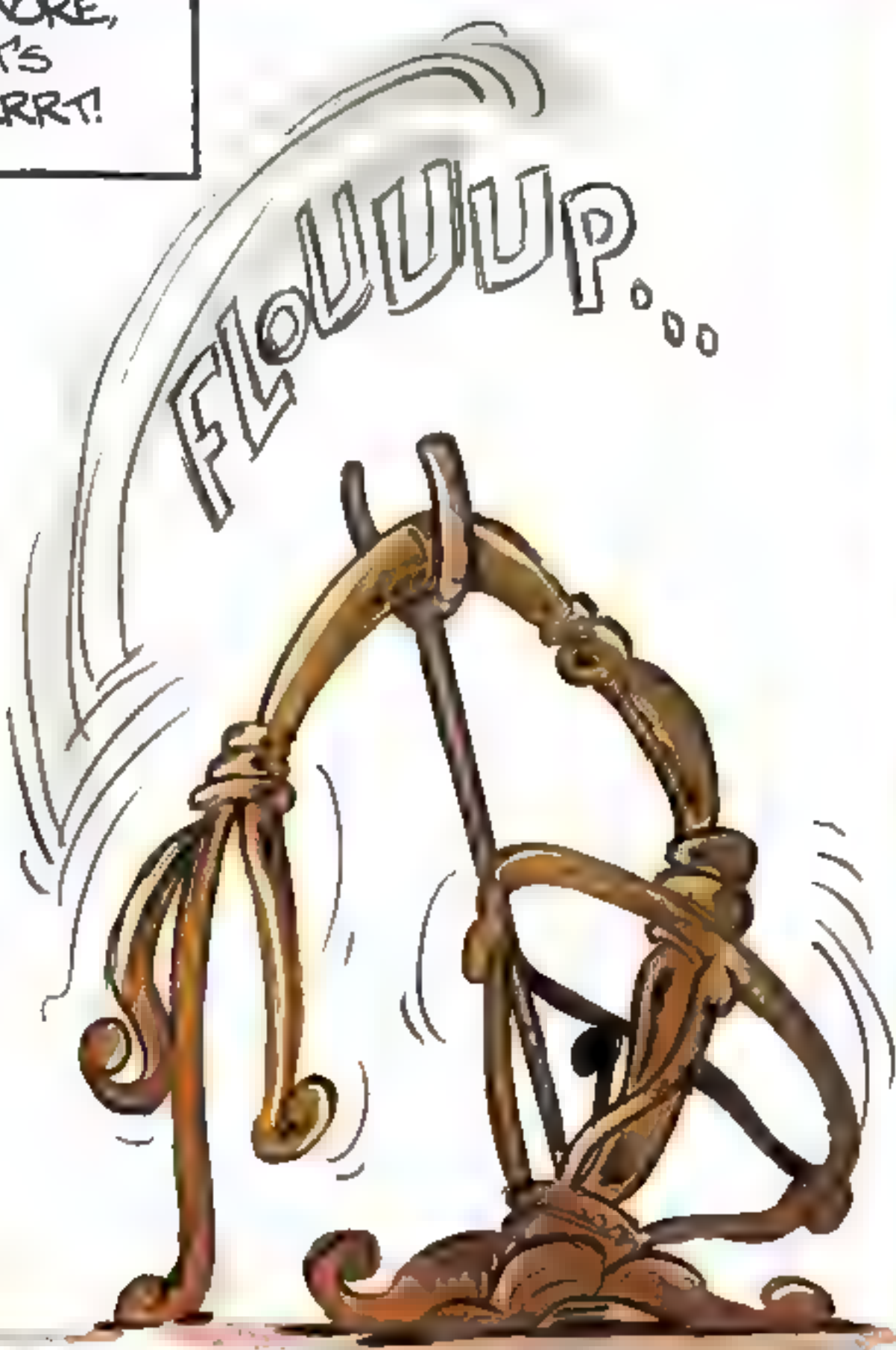
A
PERFUME?



GENNNNNNUS
IN A BOTTLE!

THIS IS A COAT
STAND RIGHT?

NOT ANYMORE,
NOW IT'S
AAAAARRRRRT!



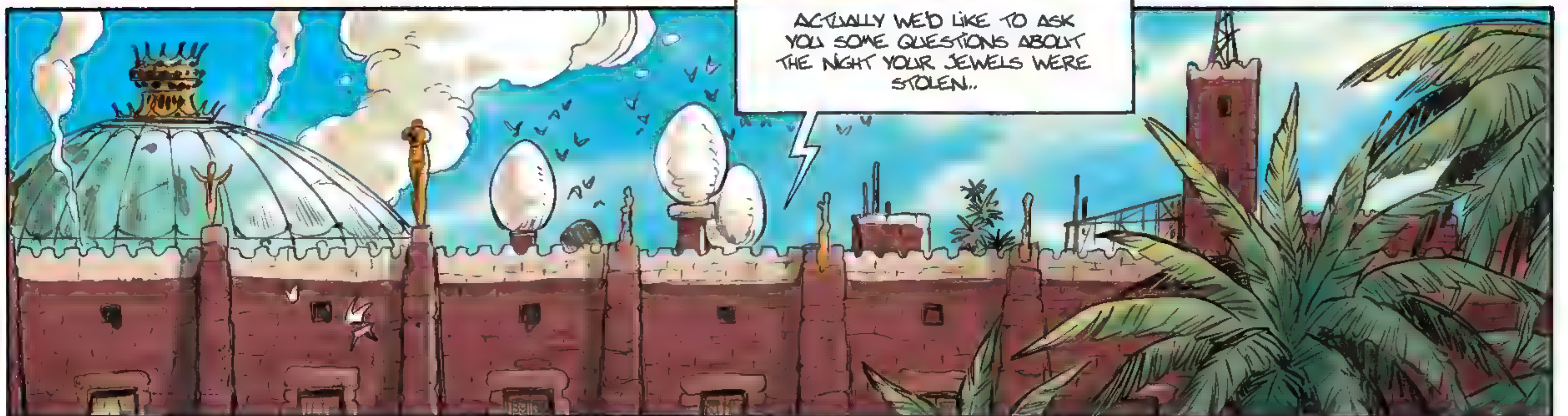
FLOUUUP...



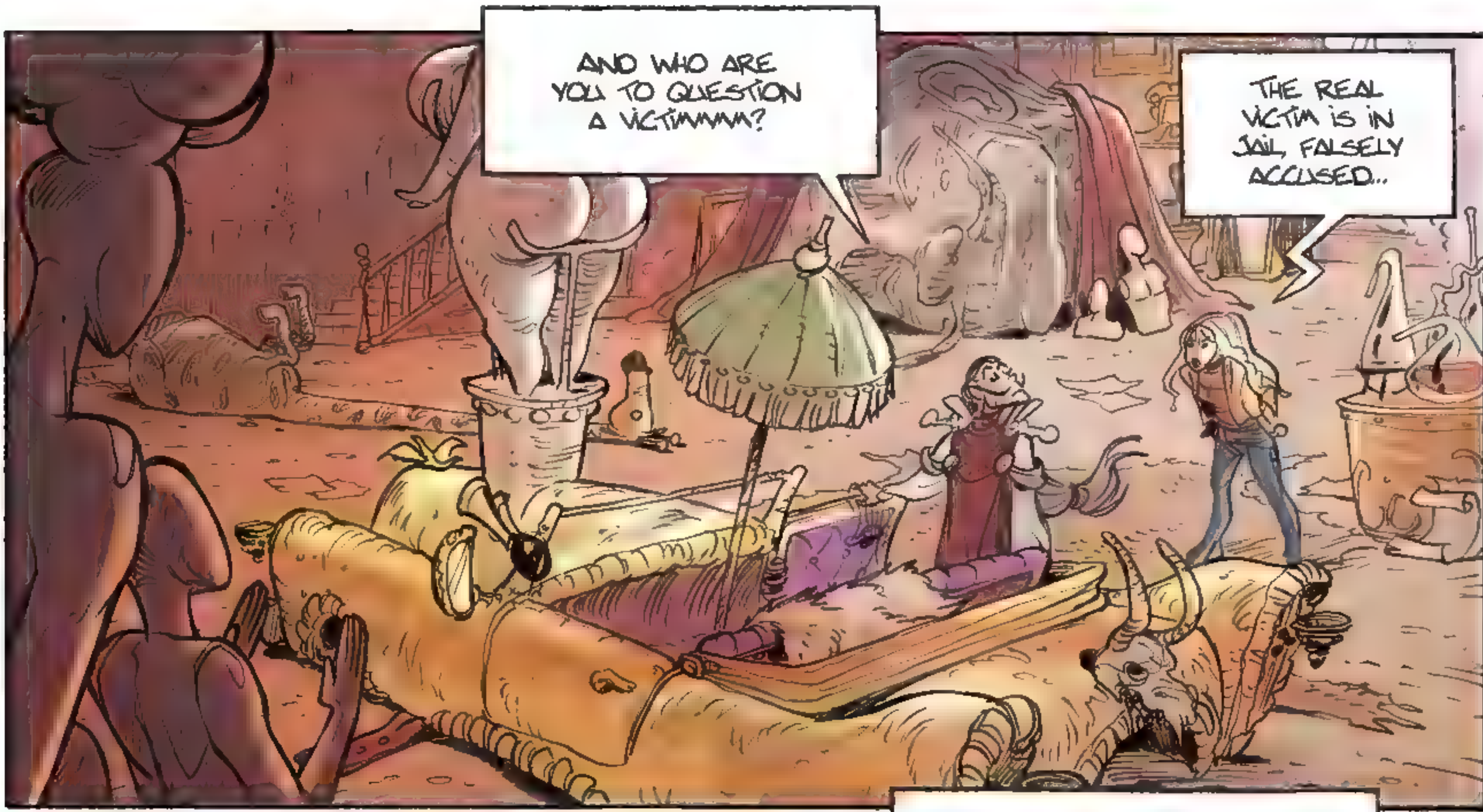
BUT, WHO ARE YOU?

SPIES?

OR EVEN
WORSE, ART
CRITICS?



ACTUALLY WE'D LIKE TO ASK
YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE NIGHT YOUR JEWELS WERE
STOLEN...



AND WHO ARE YOU TO QUESTION A VICTIM???

THE REAL VICTIM IS IN JAIL, FALSELY ACCUSED...



I SEE! YOU'RE DEFENDING A CRIMINAL!!!

THE SOLE QUESTION IS WHERE SHE'S STASHED MY EX-HUBERRRANT BUSS-BLLES!



TO FIND THEM WE MUST FIRST CATCH THE REAL CULPRIT, MISTER ARTIST!

WHOA! A PIECE OF MY JEWELRY WAS IN HER POCKET!



ANYONE COULD HAVE PUT IT THERE! I HATE IT WHEN SOMEONE IS TOO DUMB TO UNDERSTAND! I...

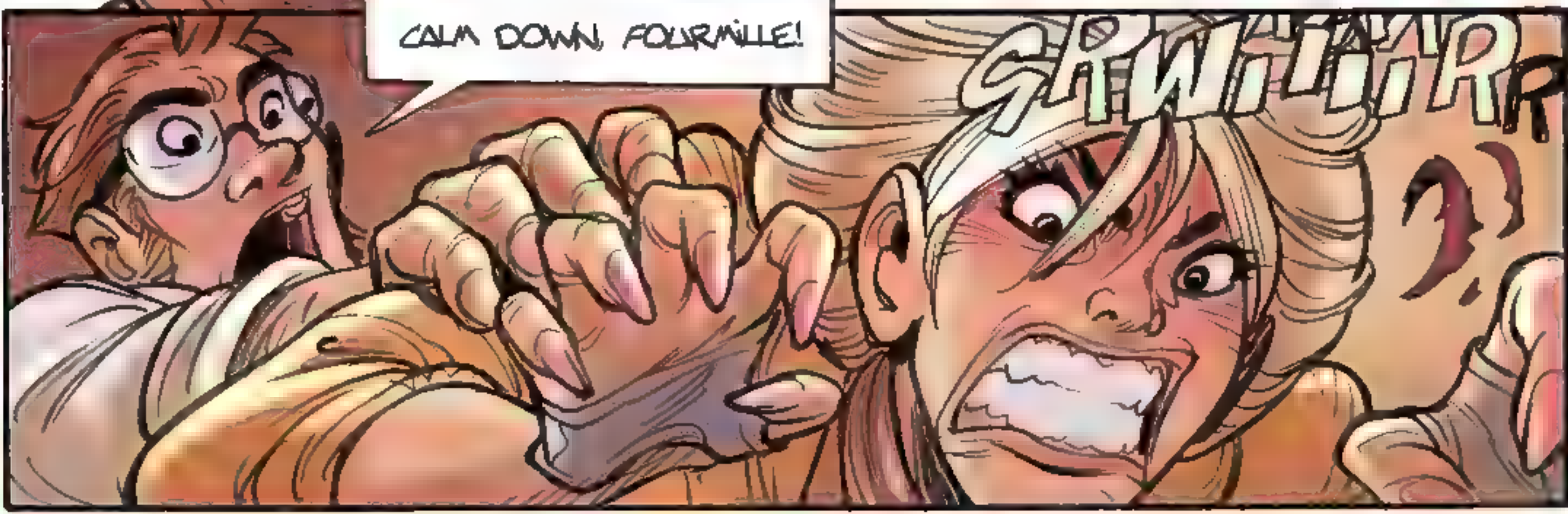


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PERO...

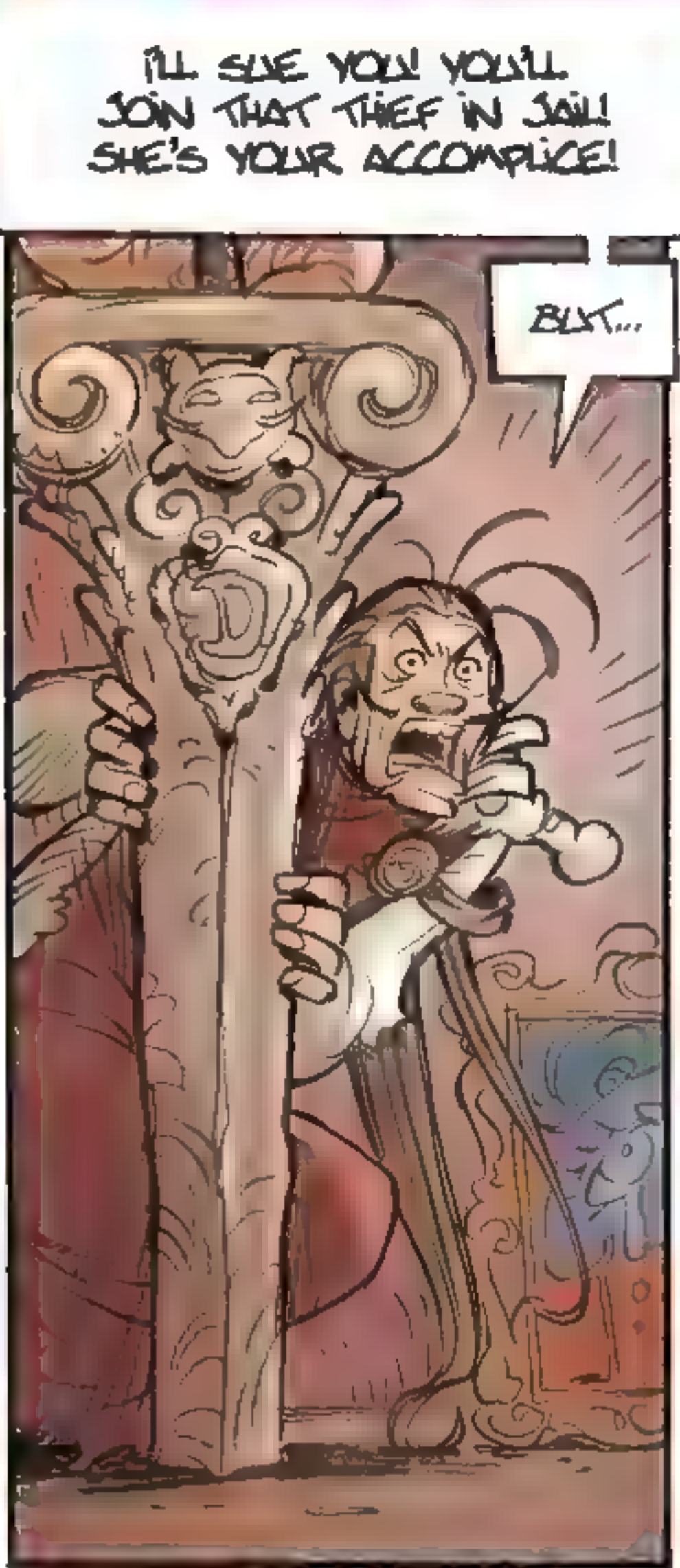


L'AJUDA! ELA ÉS UNA BRUJA!



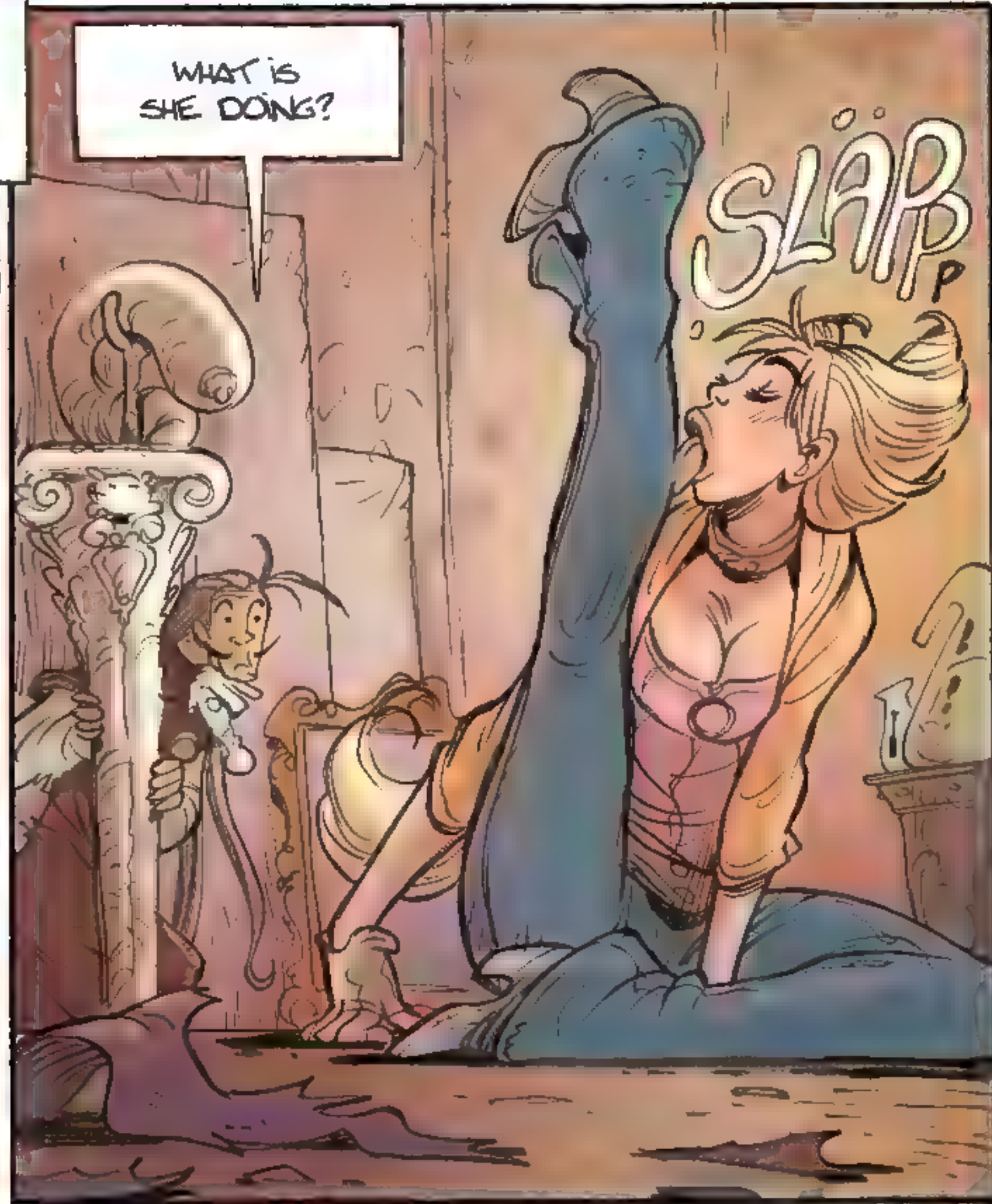
CALM DOWN, FOURVILLE!

GRWILLARR



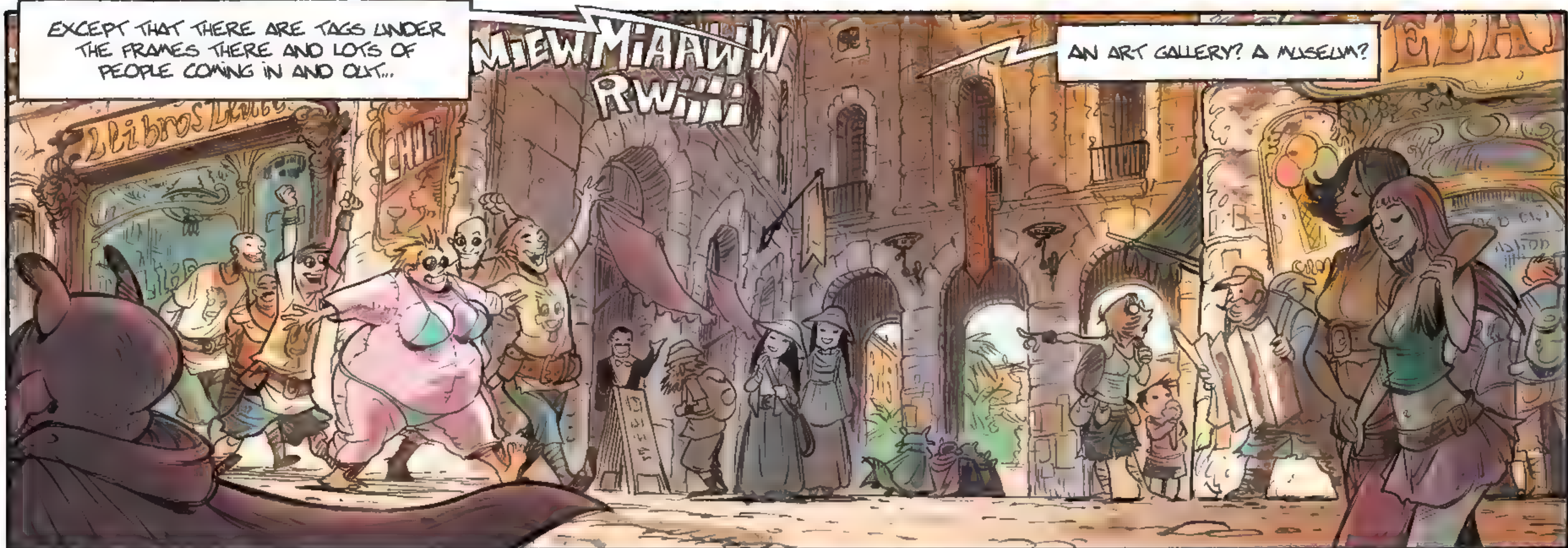
I'LL SWE YOU YOU'LL JOIN THAT THIEF IN JAIL! SHE'S YOUR ACCOMPLICE!

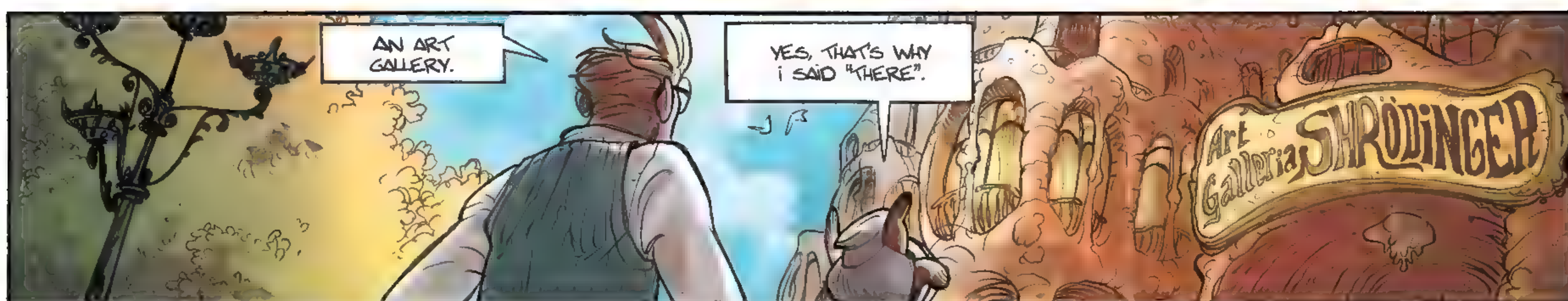
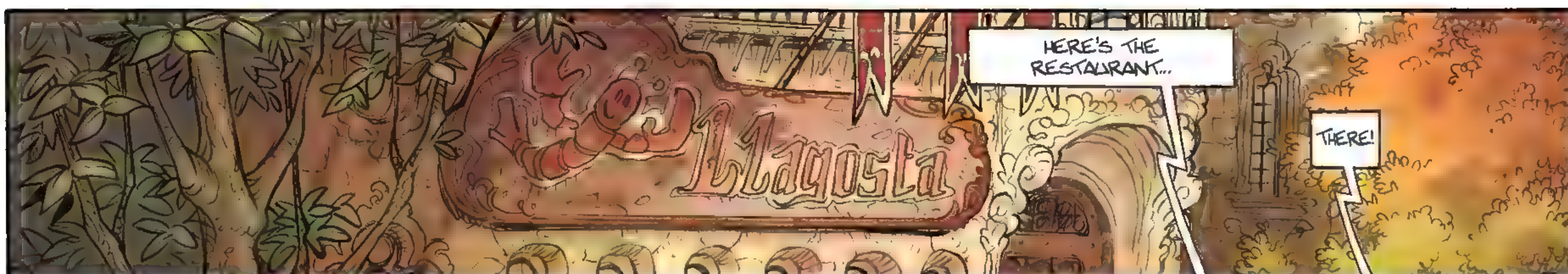
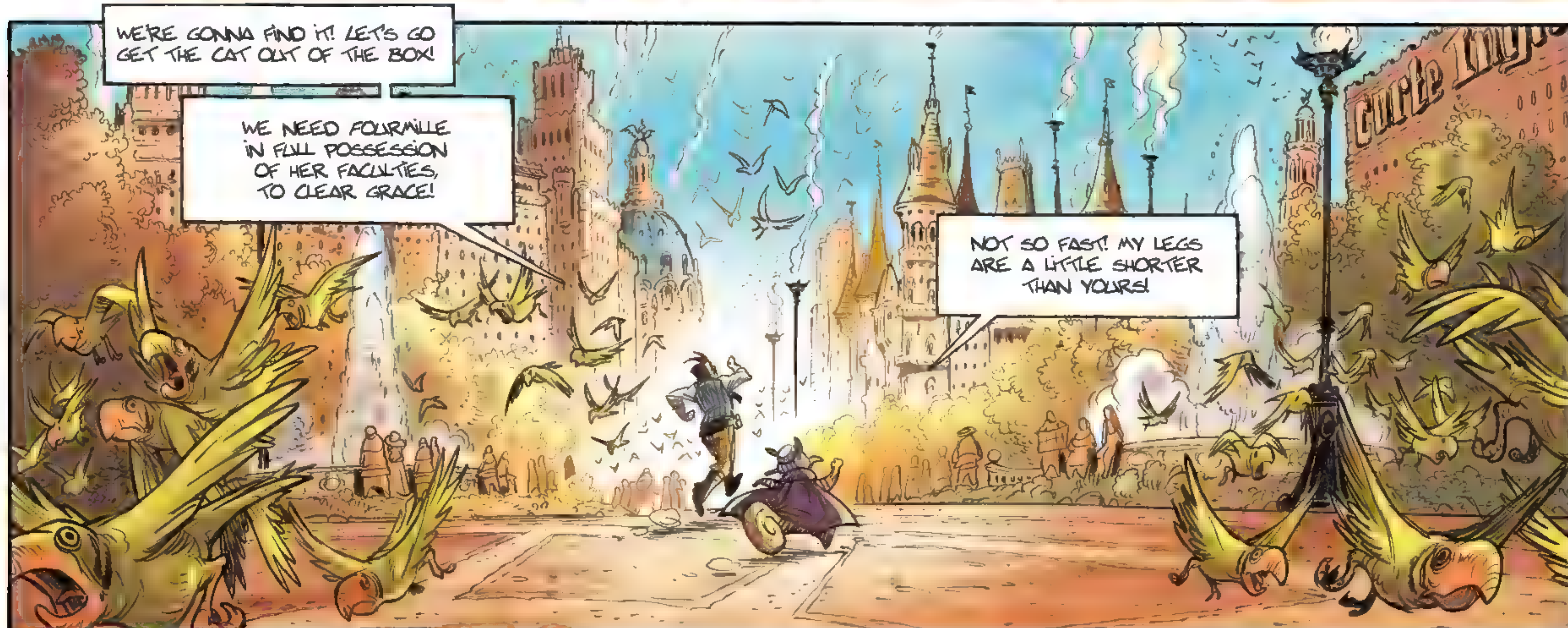
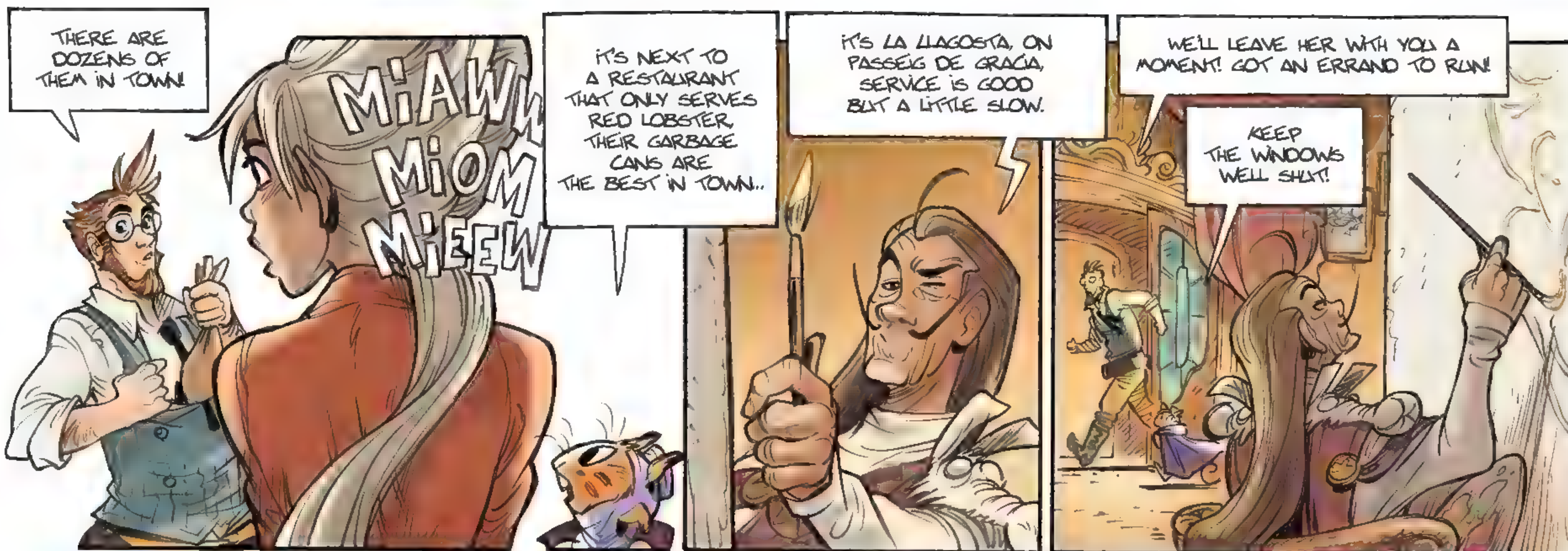
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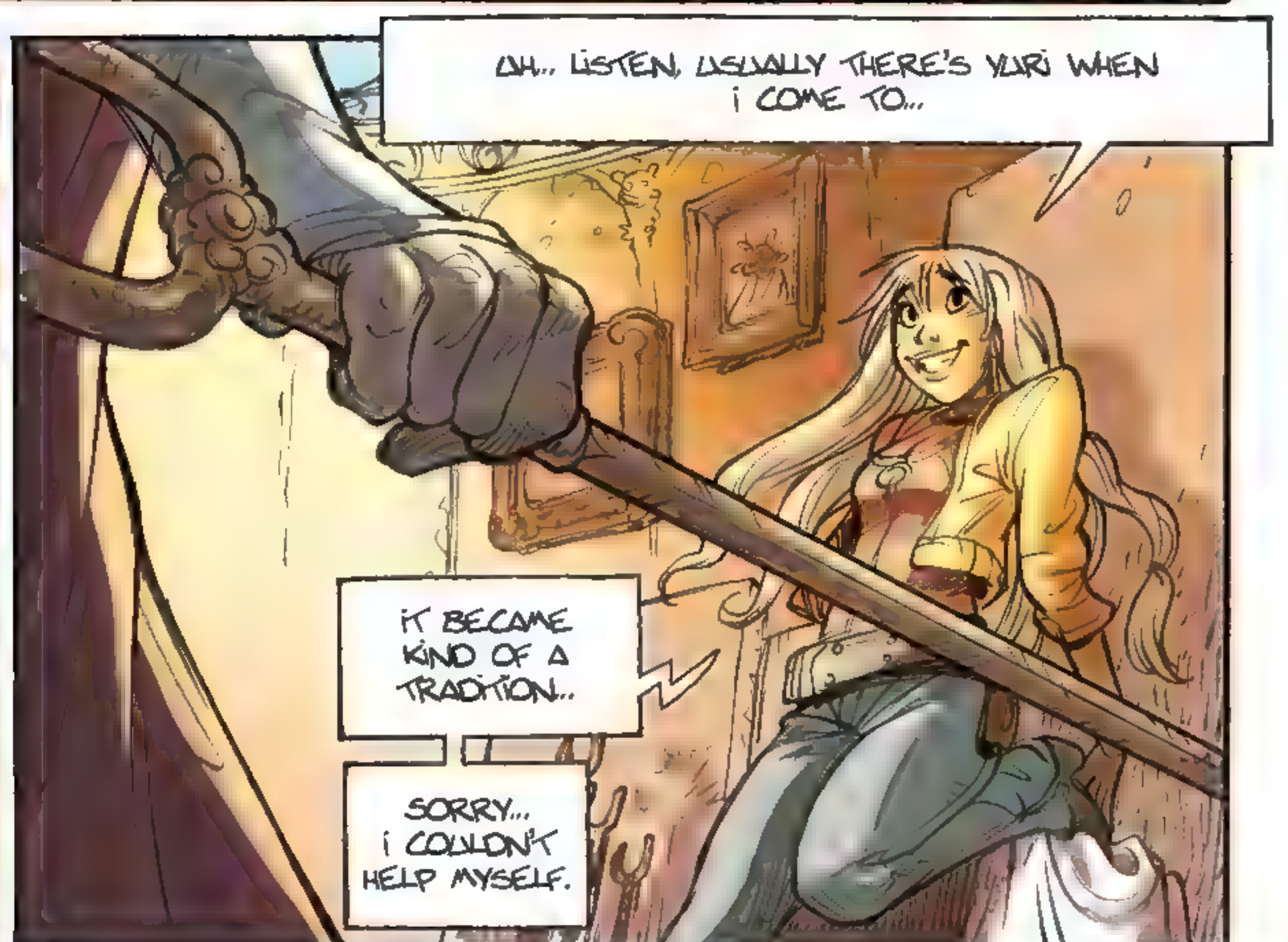
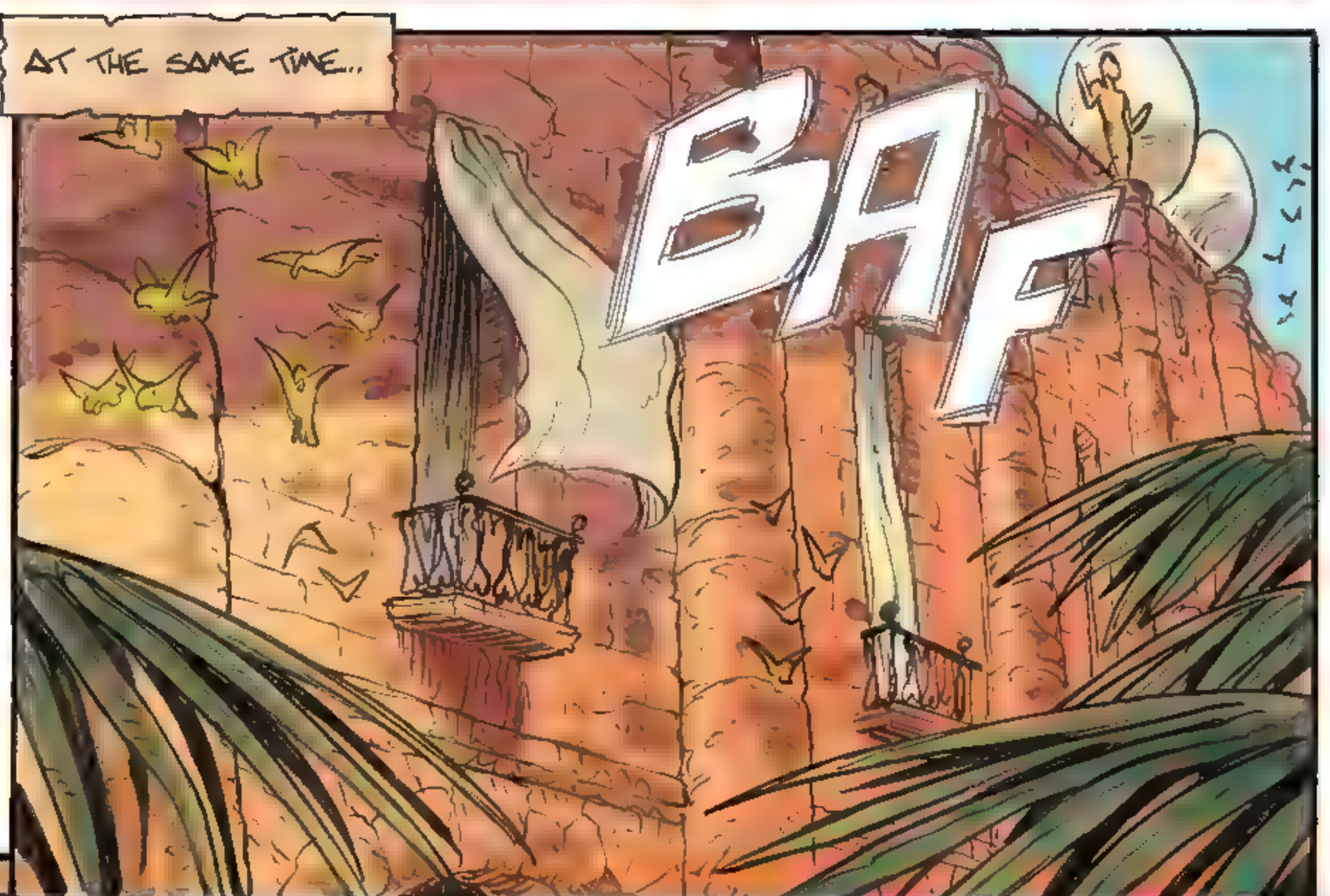
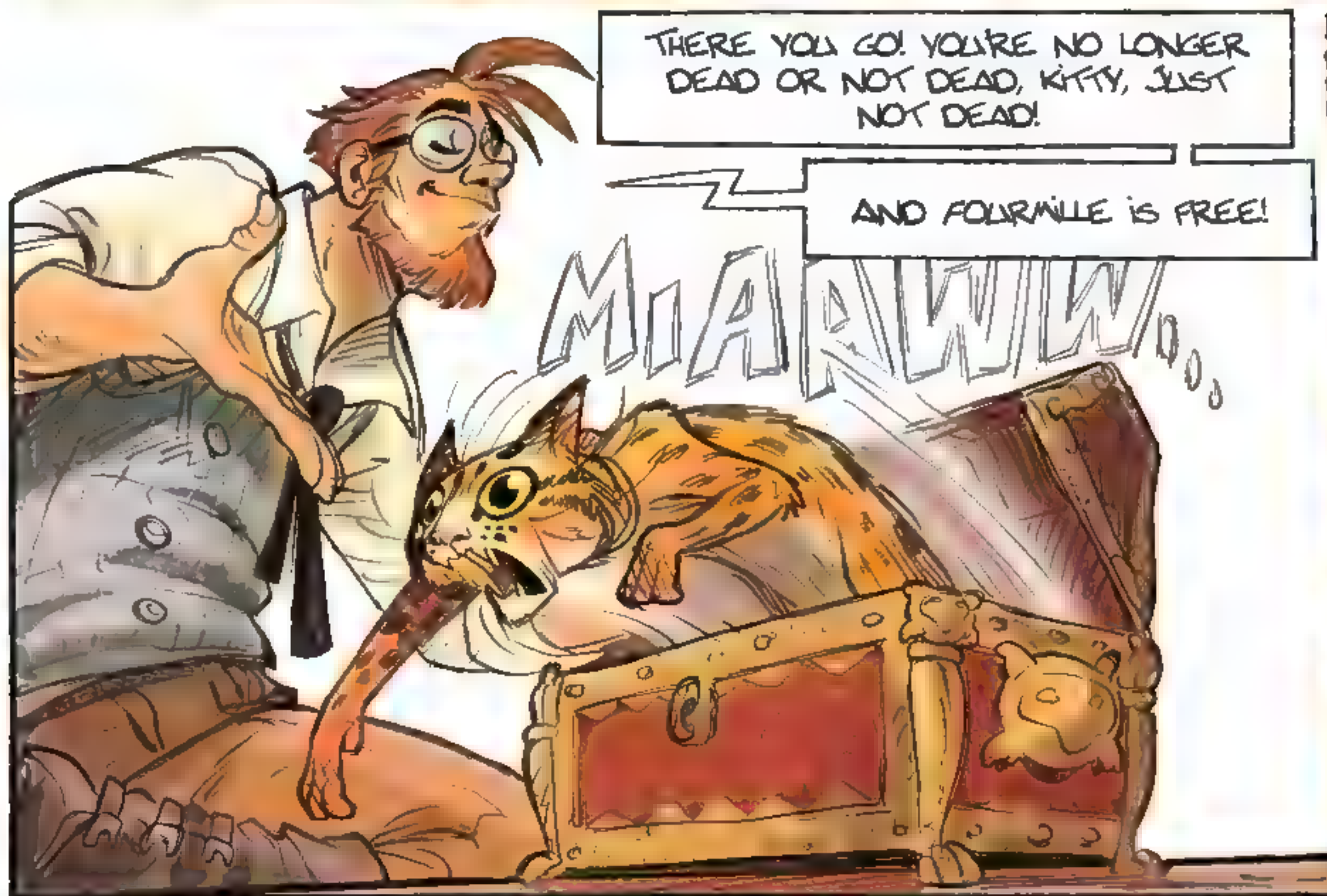
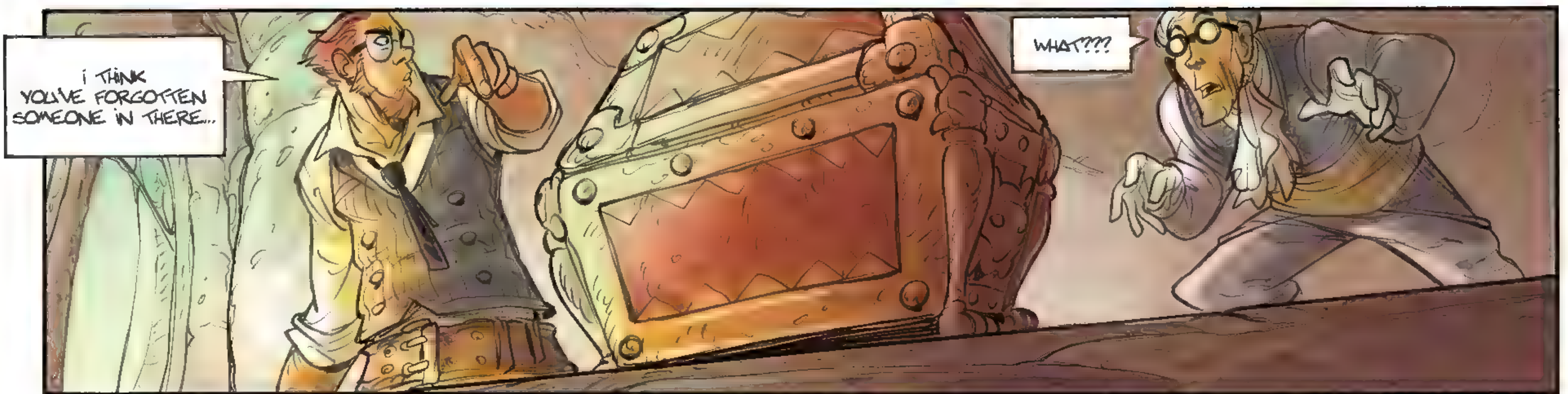


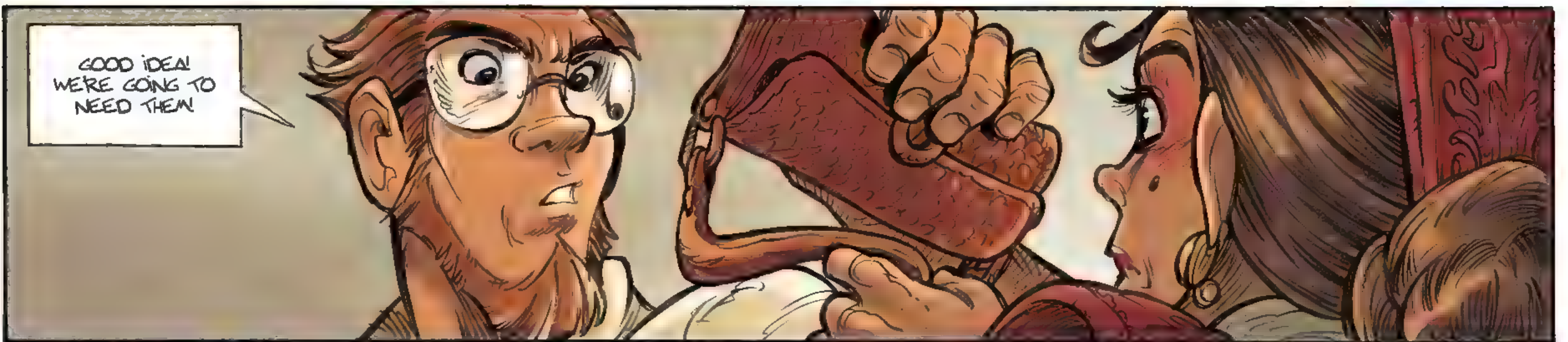
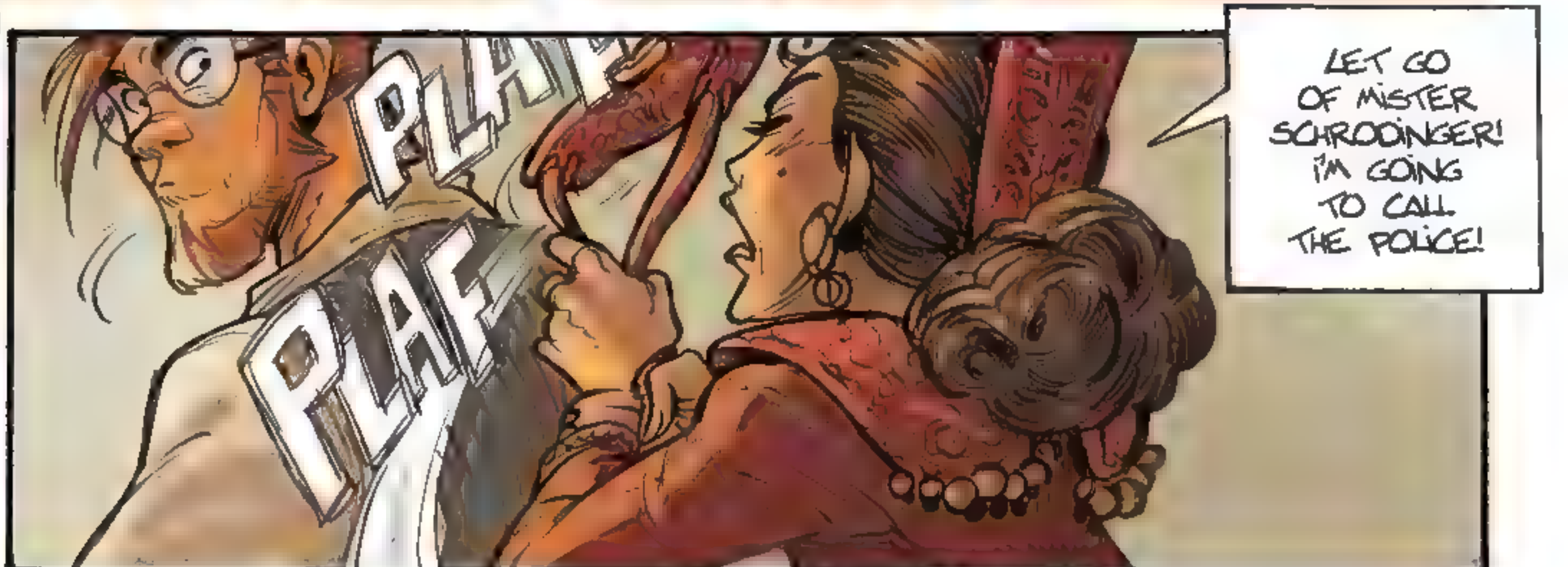
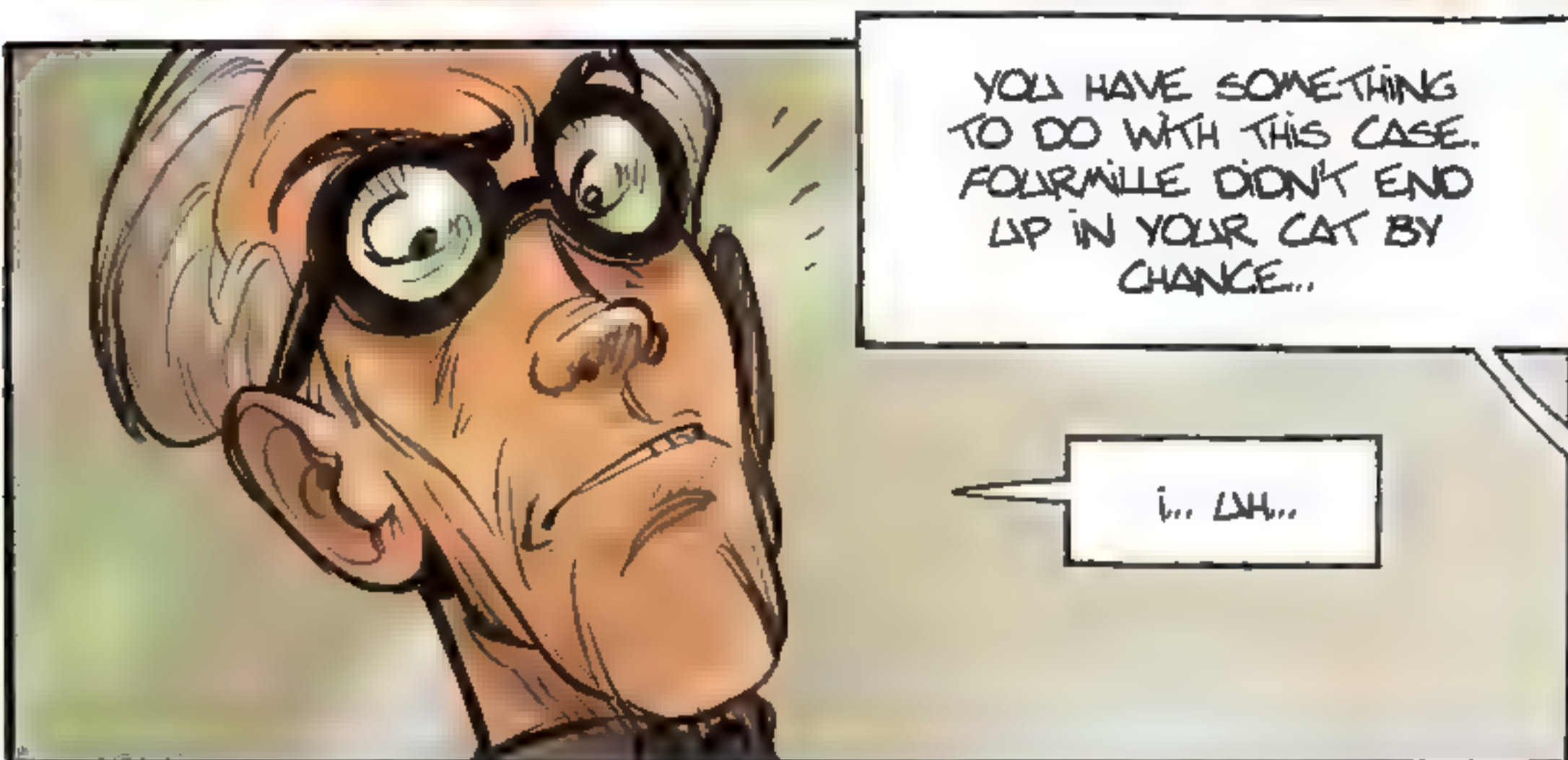
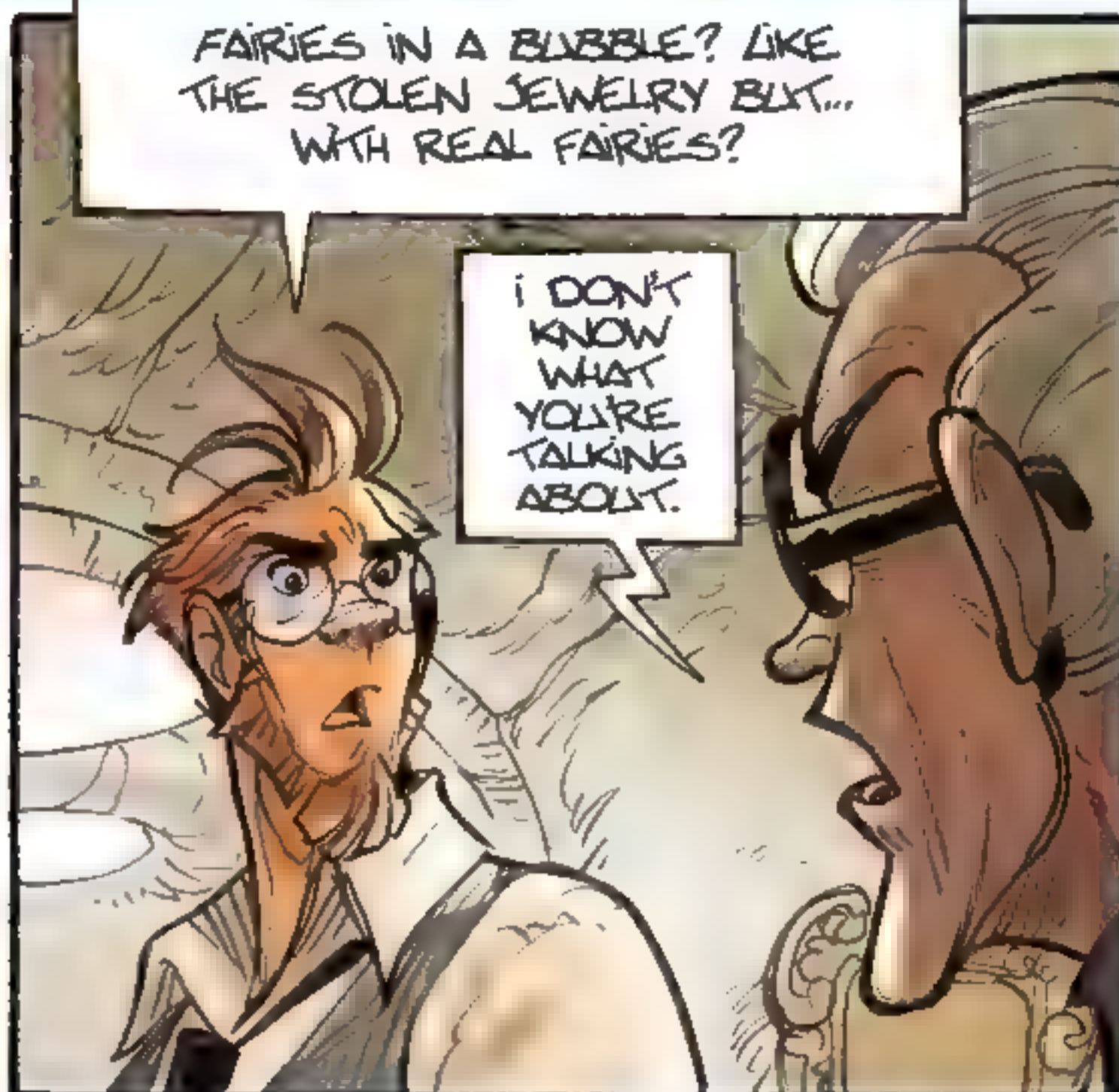
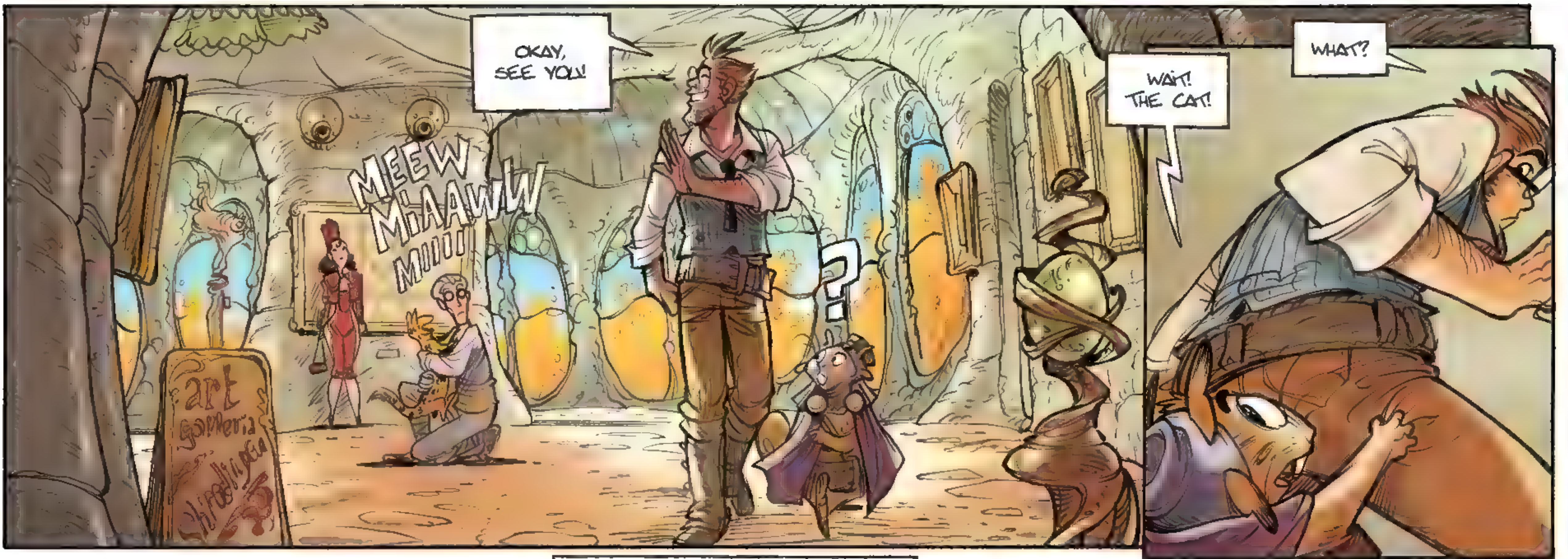
WHAT IS SHE DOING?

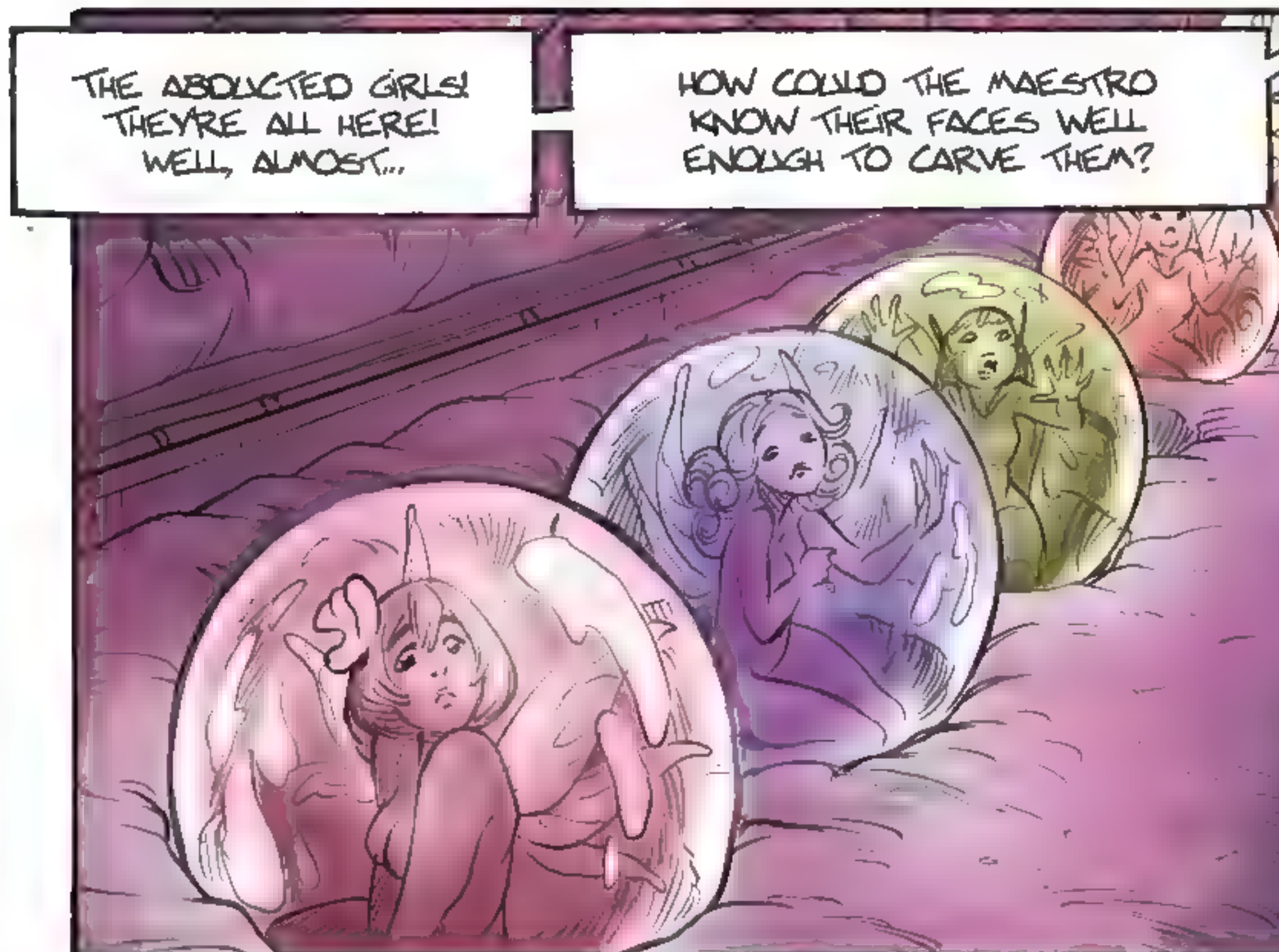
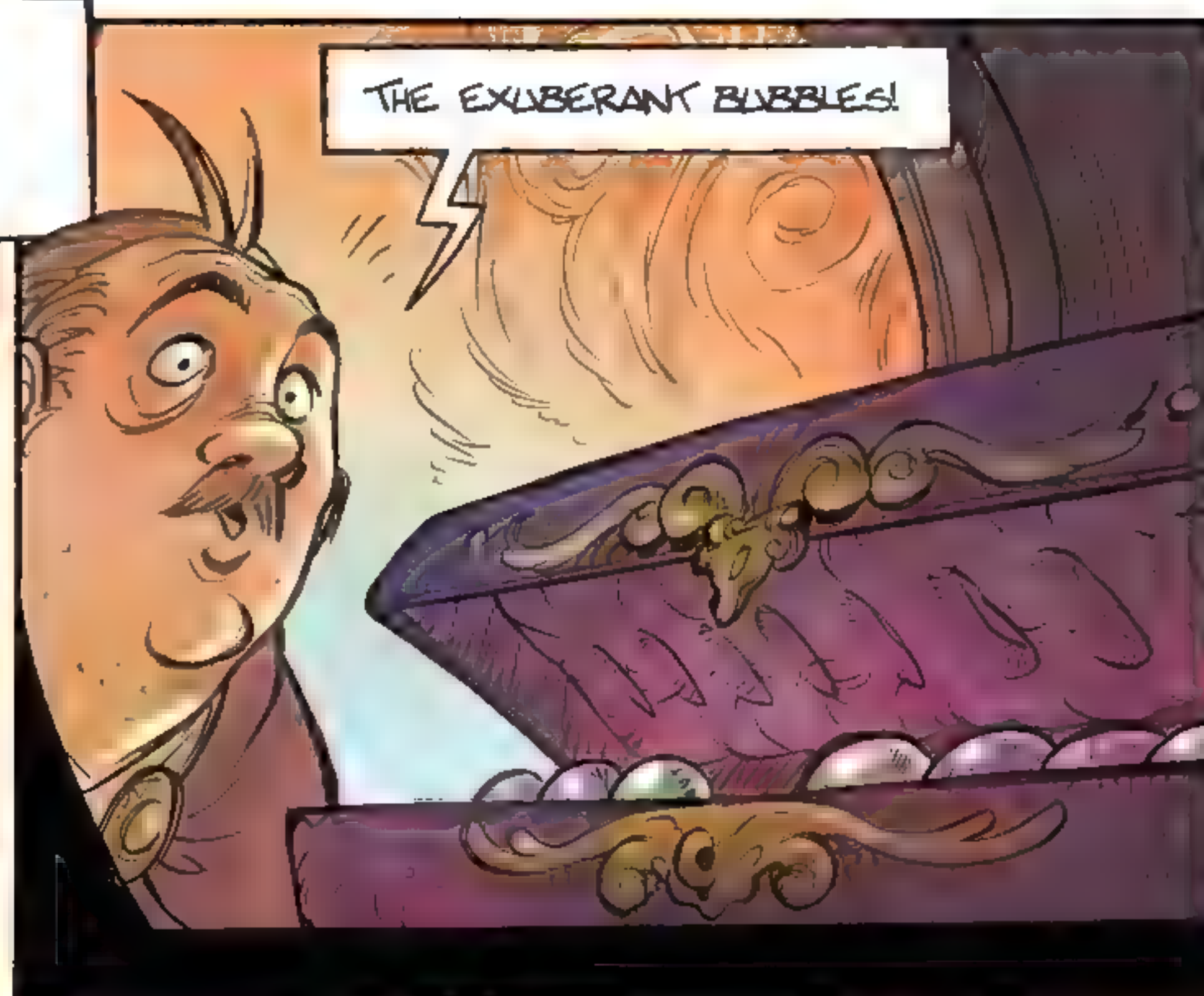
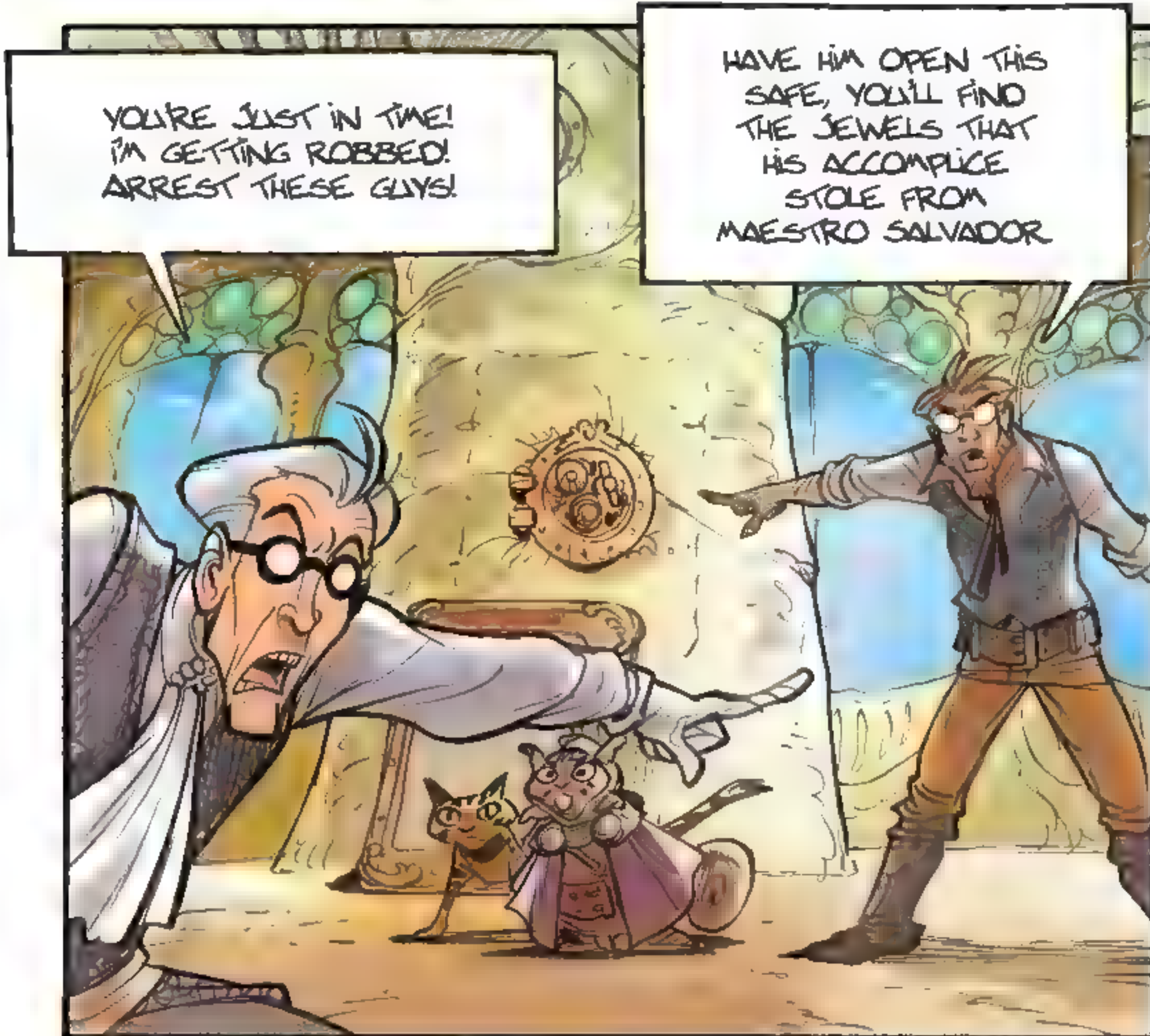
SLAP





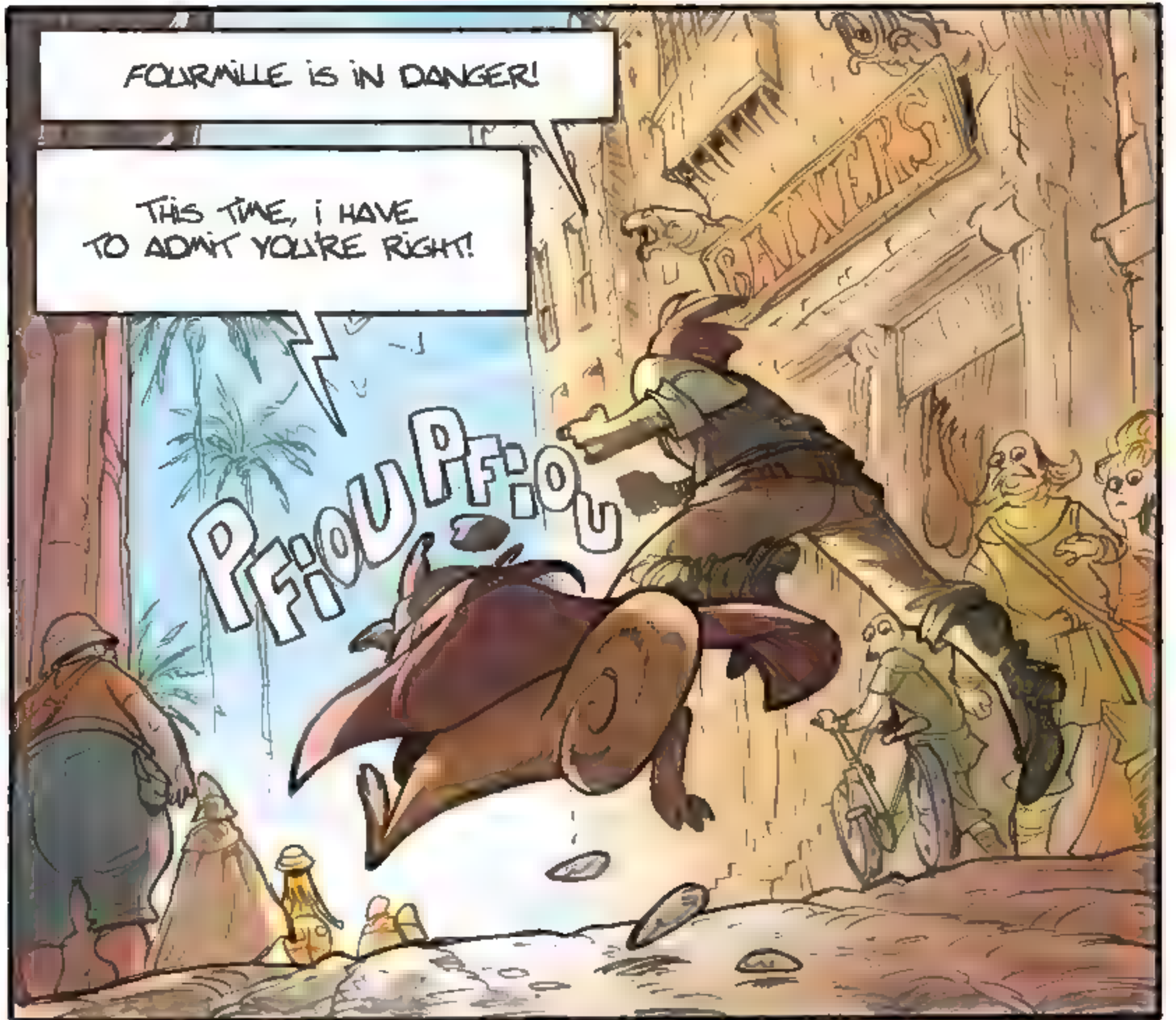




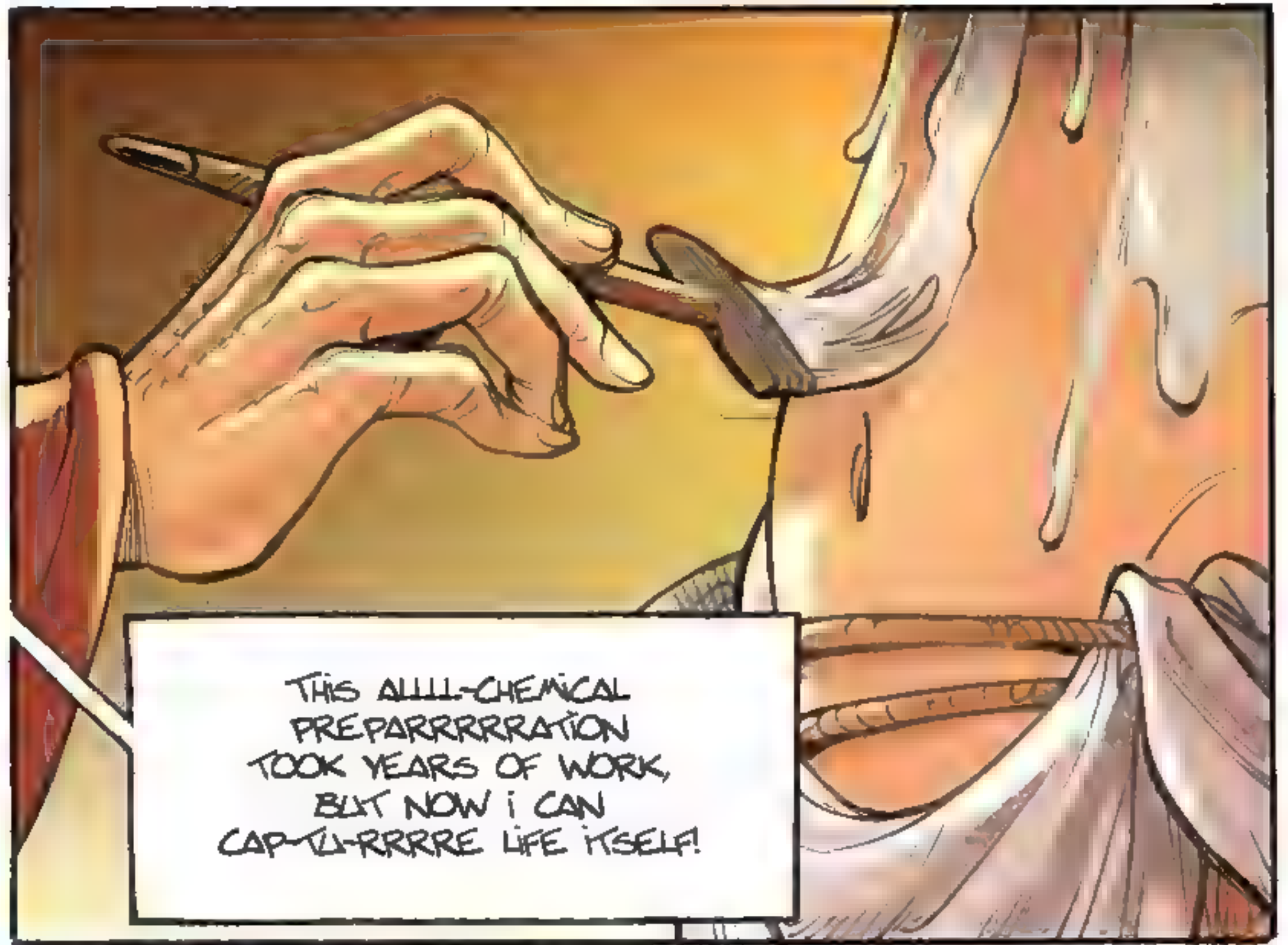




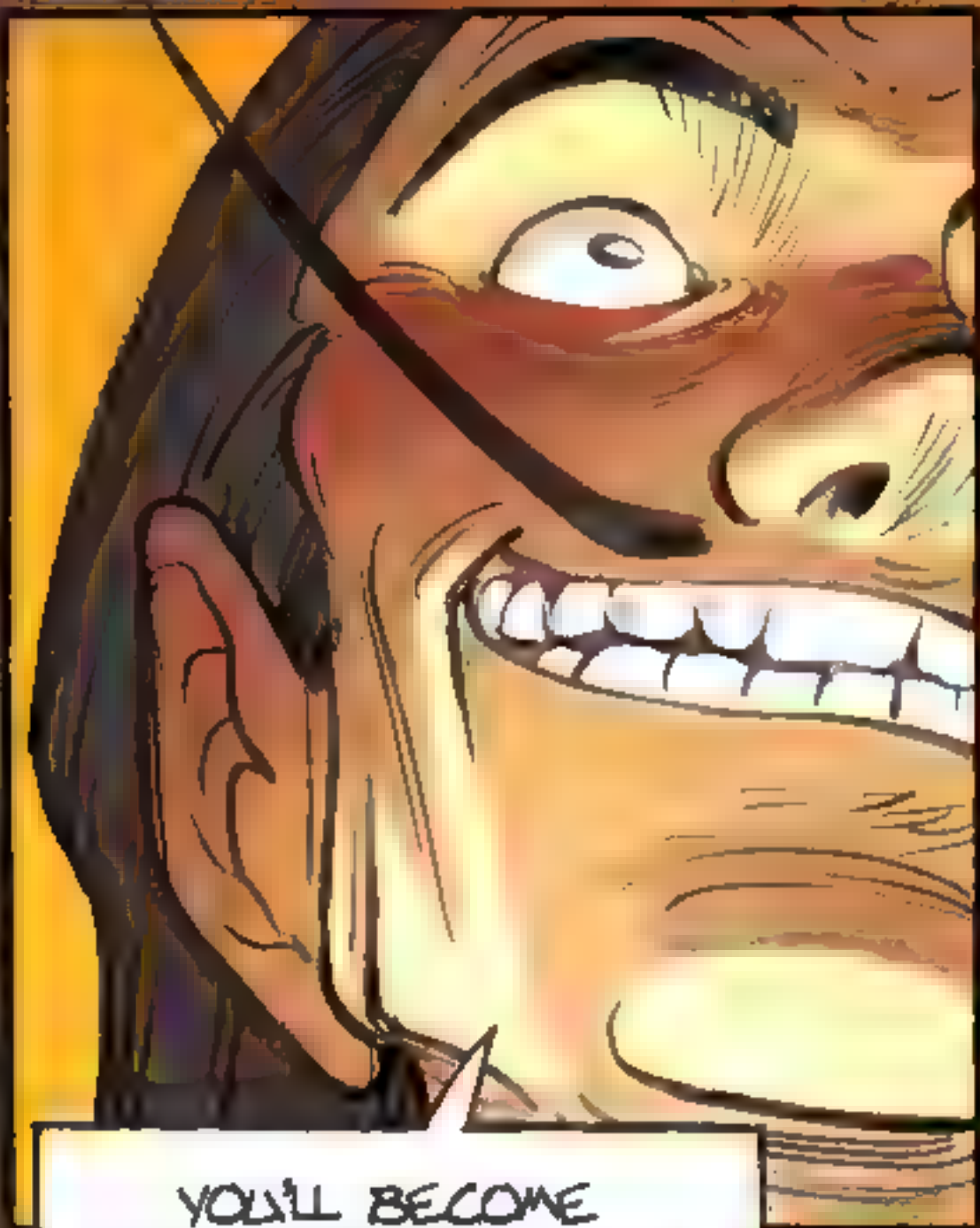
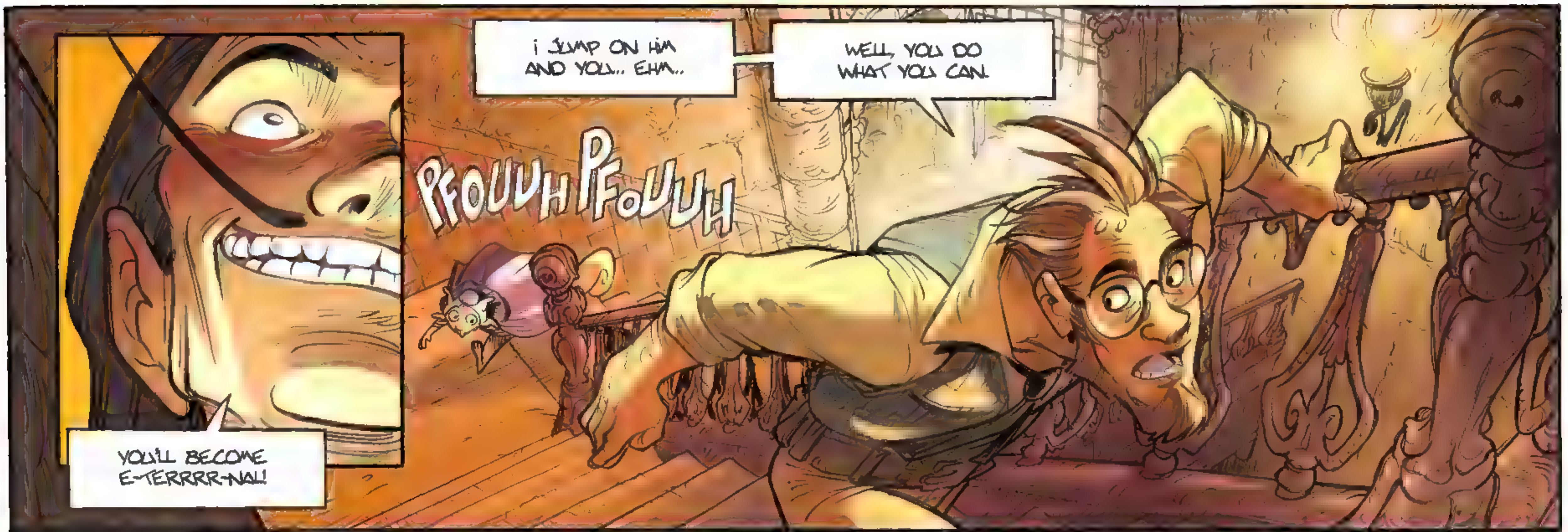
YOU'RE A PEECCCE OF
ARRRR! DO YOU REALIZE
THE HONNN-NORRRR?



FOURNILLE IS IN DANGER!
THIS TIME, I HAVE
TO ADMIT YOU'RE RIGHT!



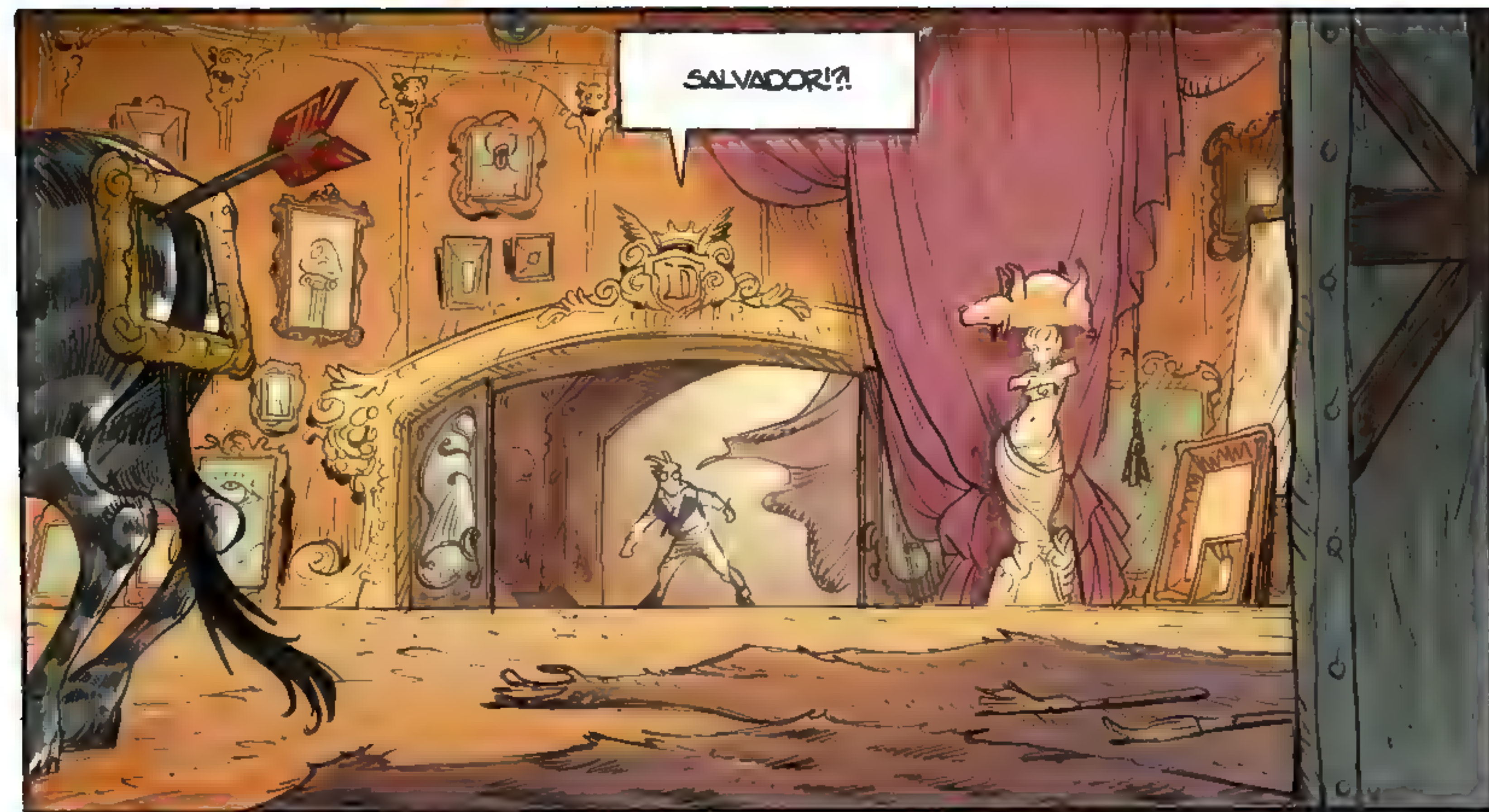
THIS ALLL-CHEMICAL
PREPARRRRRATION
TOOK YEARS OF WORK,
BUT NOW I CAN
CAP-TU-RRRE LIFE ITSELF!



I JUMP ON HIM
AND YOU... EHM...
WELL, YOU DO
WHAT YOU CAN.

PROUHH PROUHH

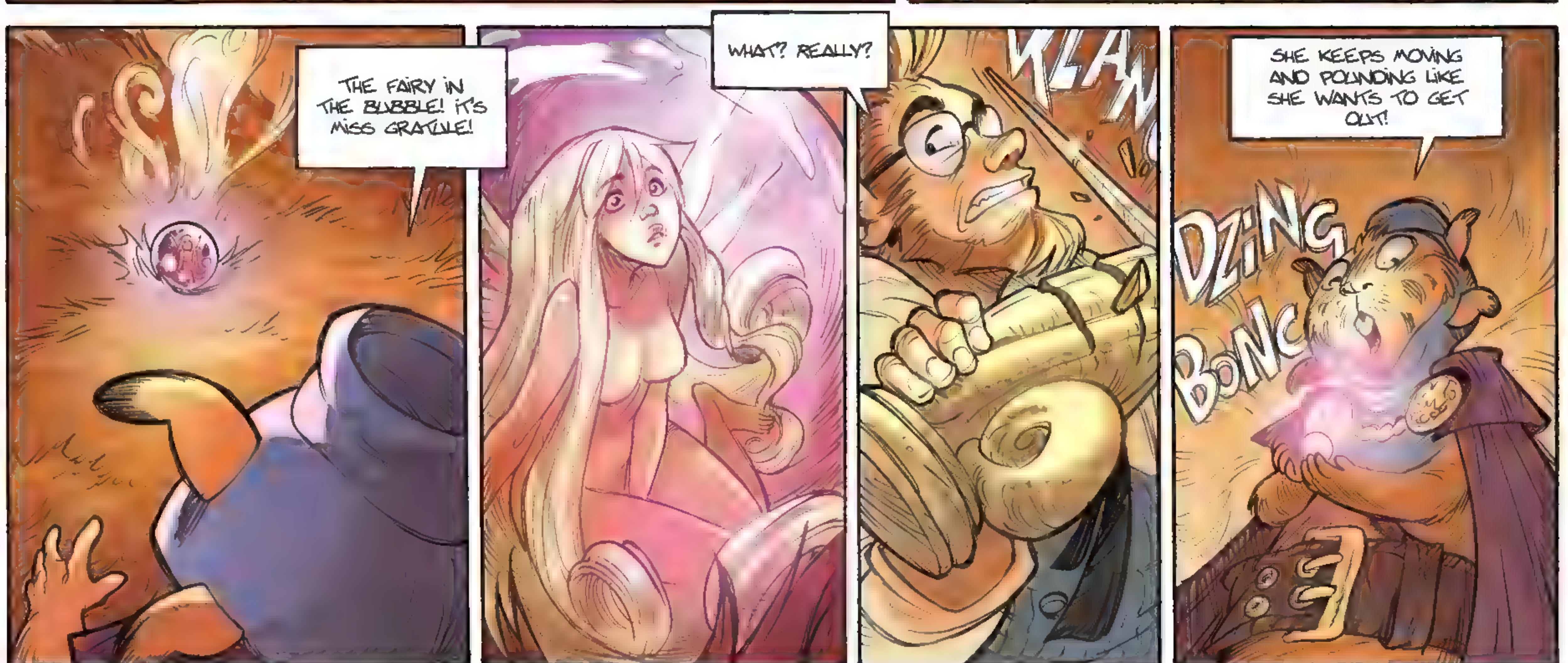
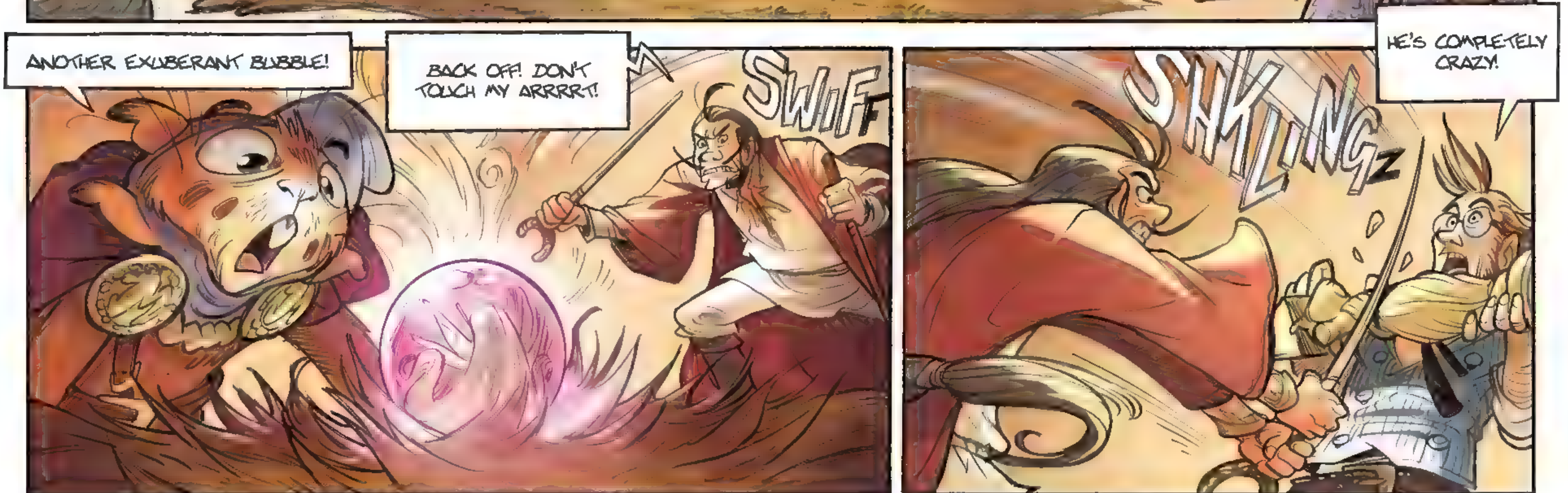
YOU'LL BECOME
E-TERRRR-NAL!



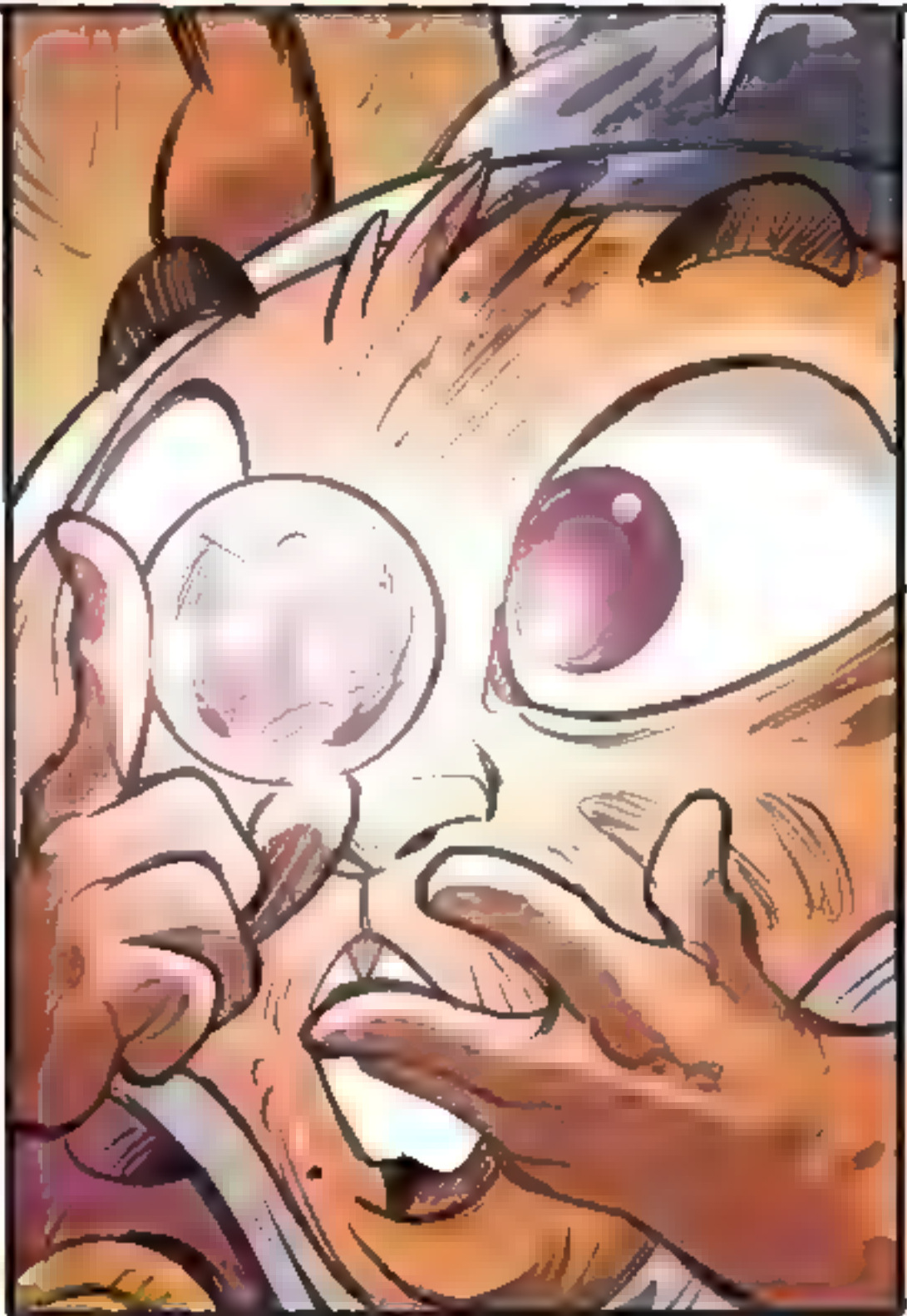
SALVADOR!?



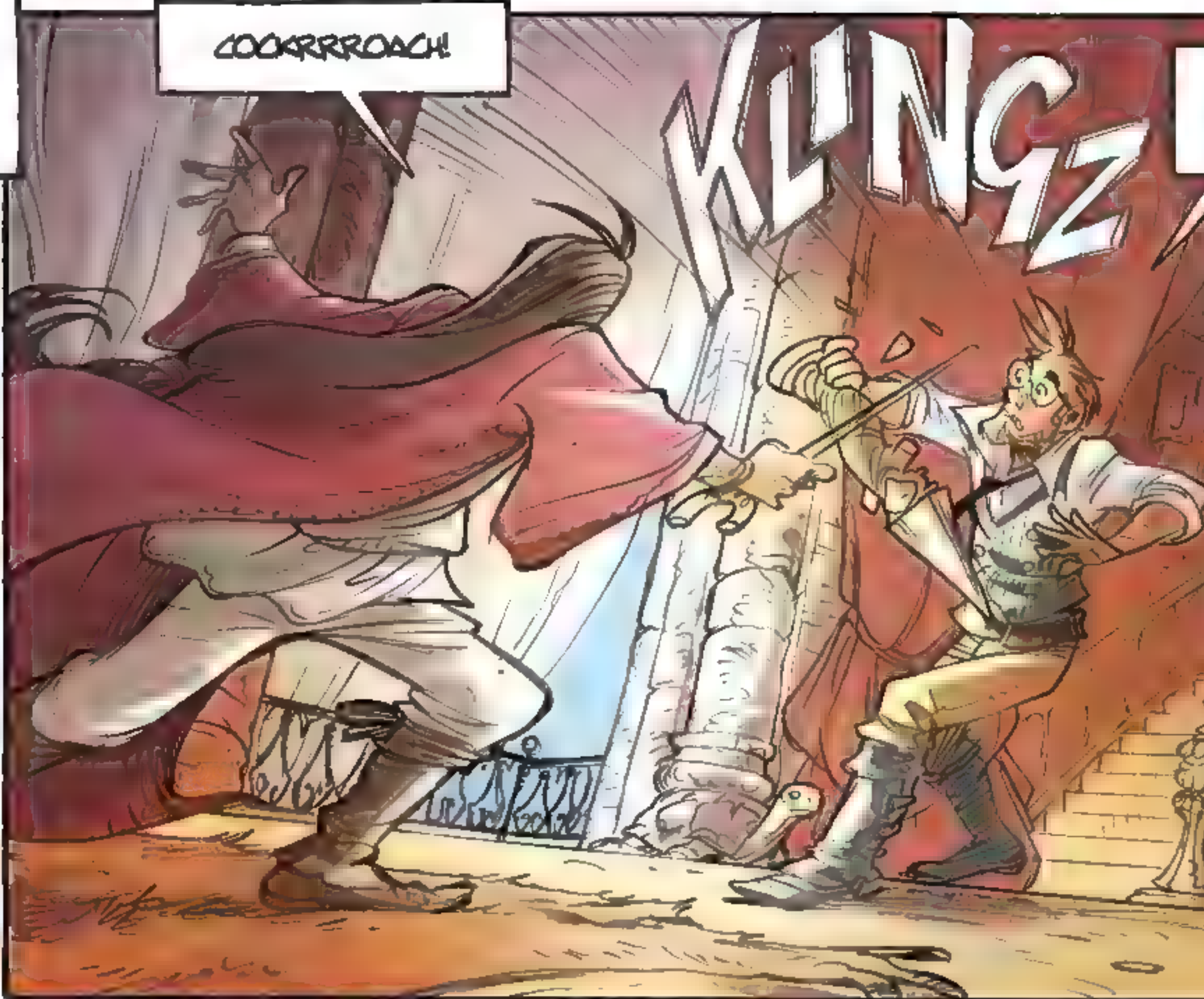
WHO DARRRRRES TO
CALL THE MAESTRRRRRO
IN SUCH INSO-LENNANT
WAY?
OH, IT'S
YOU AGAIN!



BREAKING THE BUBBLE COULD KILL HER, BUT IF I DON'T DO ANYTHING SHE'S DOOMED TO STAY THERE...

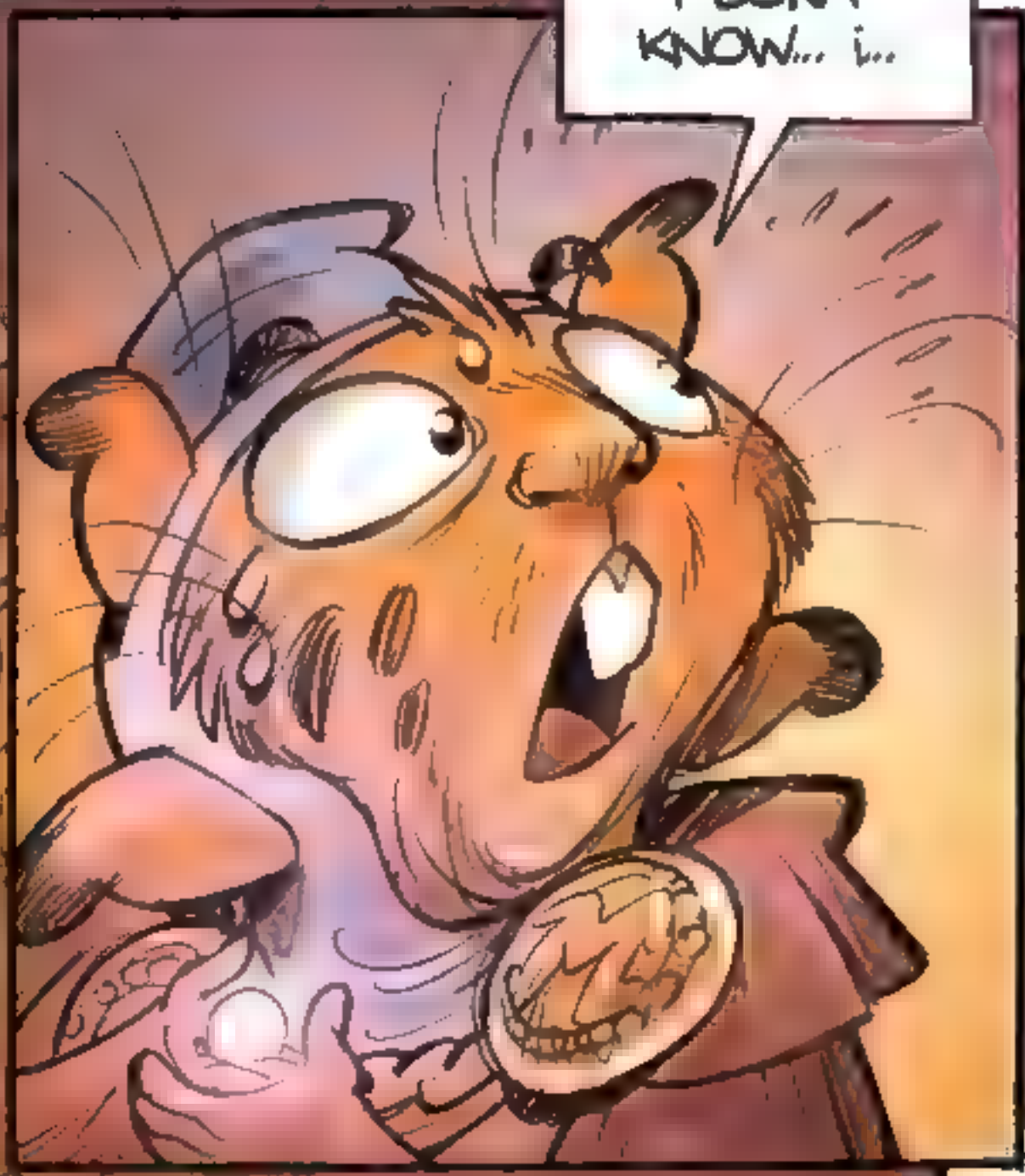


COOKRRROACH!

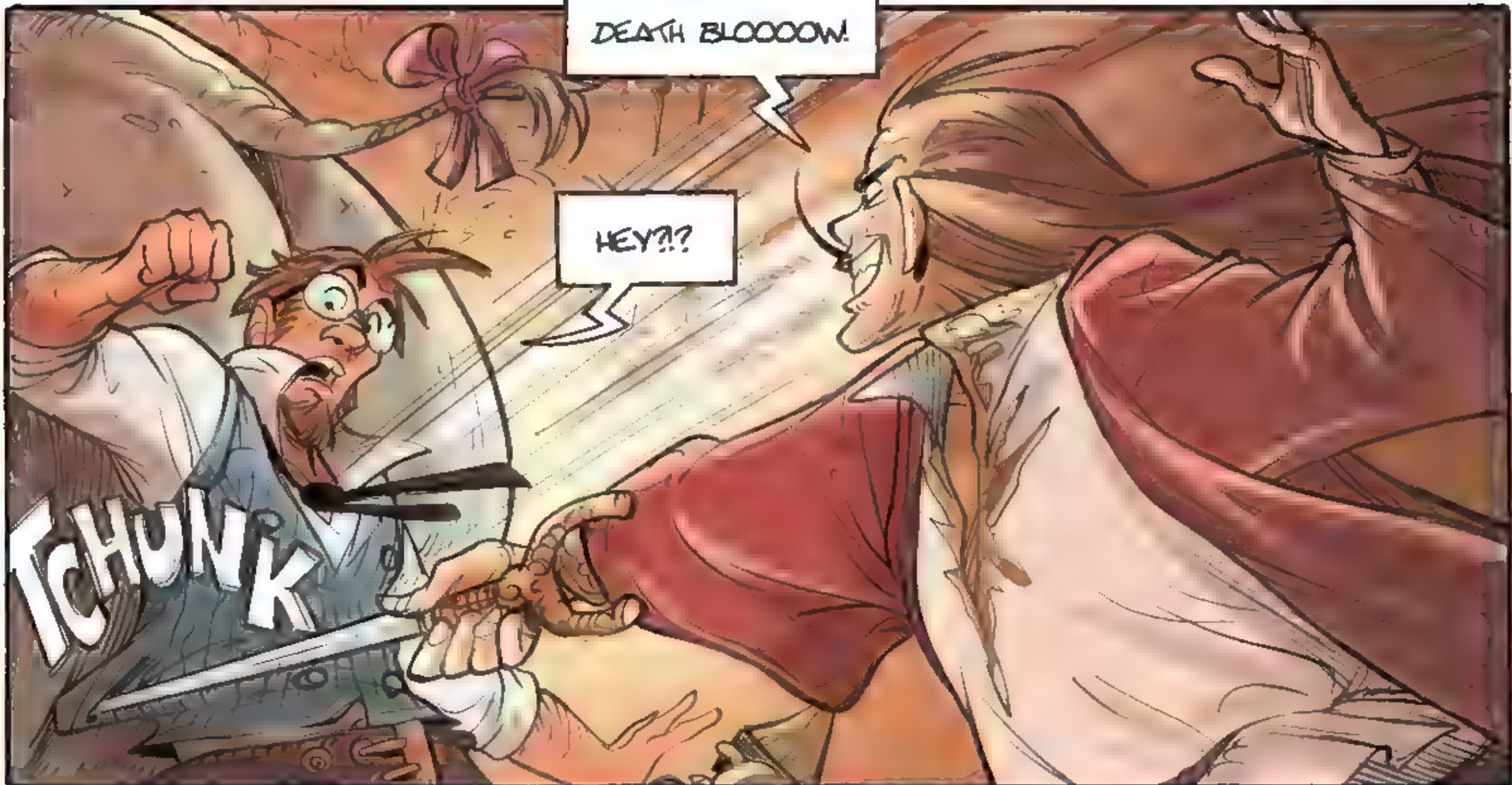


HURRY UP AND DECIDE!

I DON'T KNOW... I...



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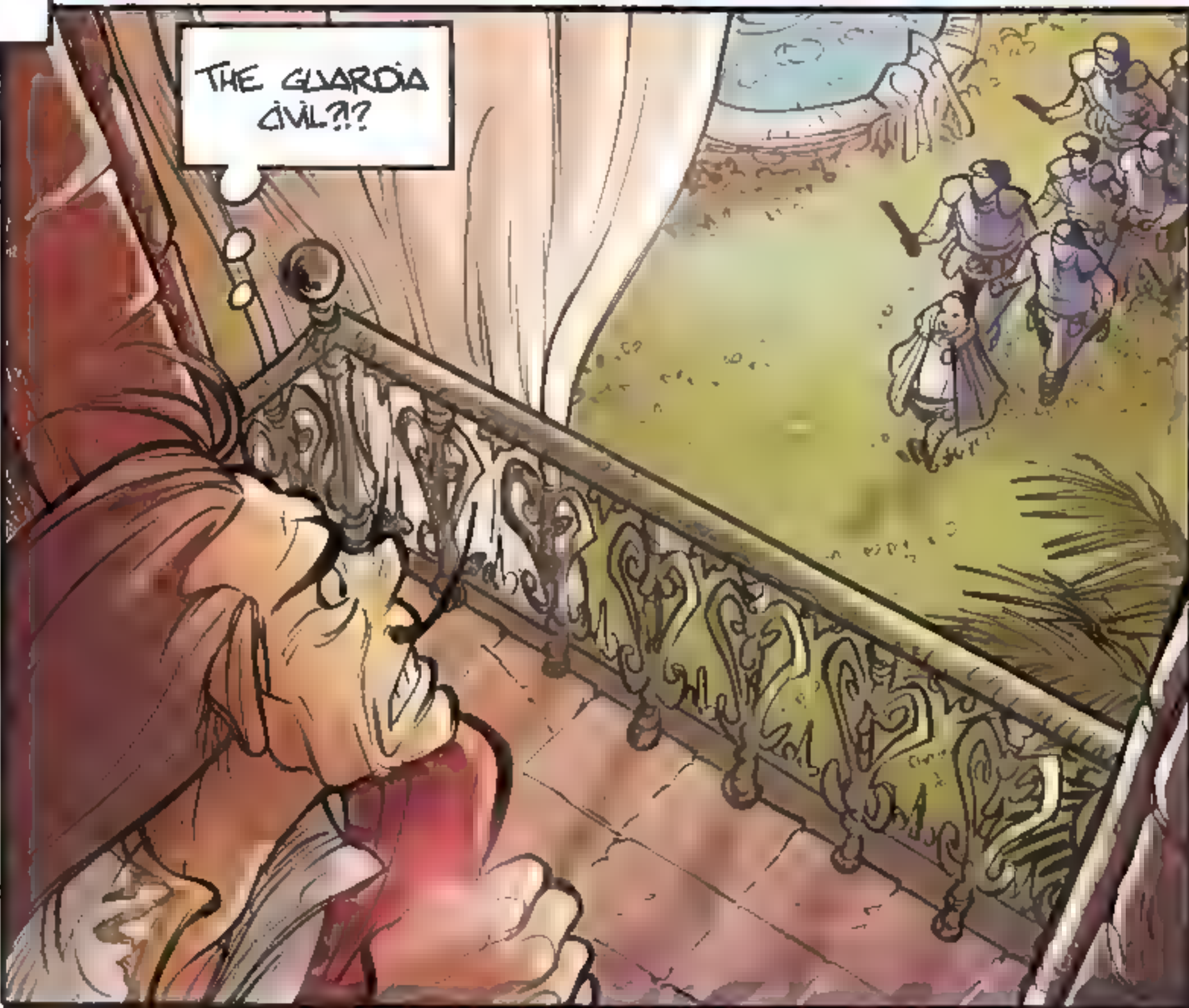
DEATH BLOODOW!

HEY??

MY GREATEST WORRRRRK!



WHAT...



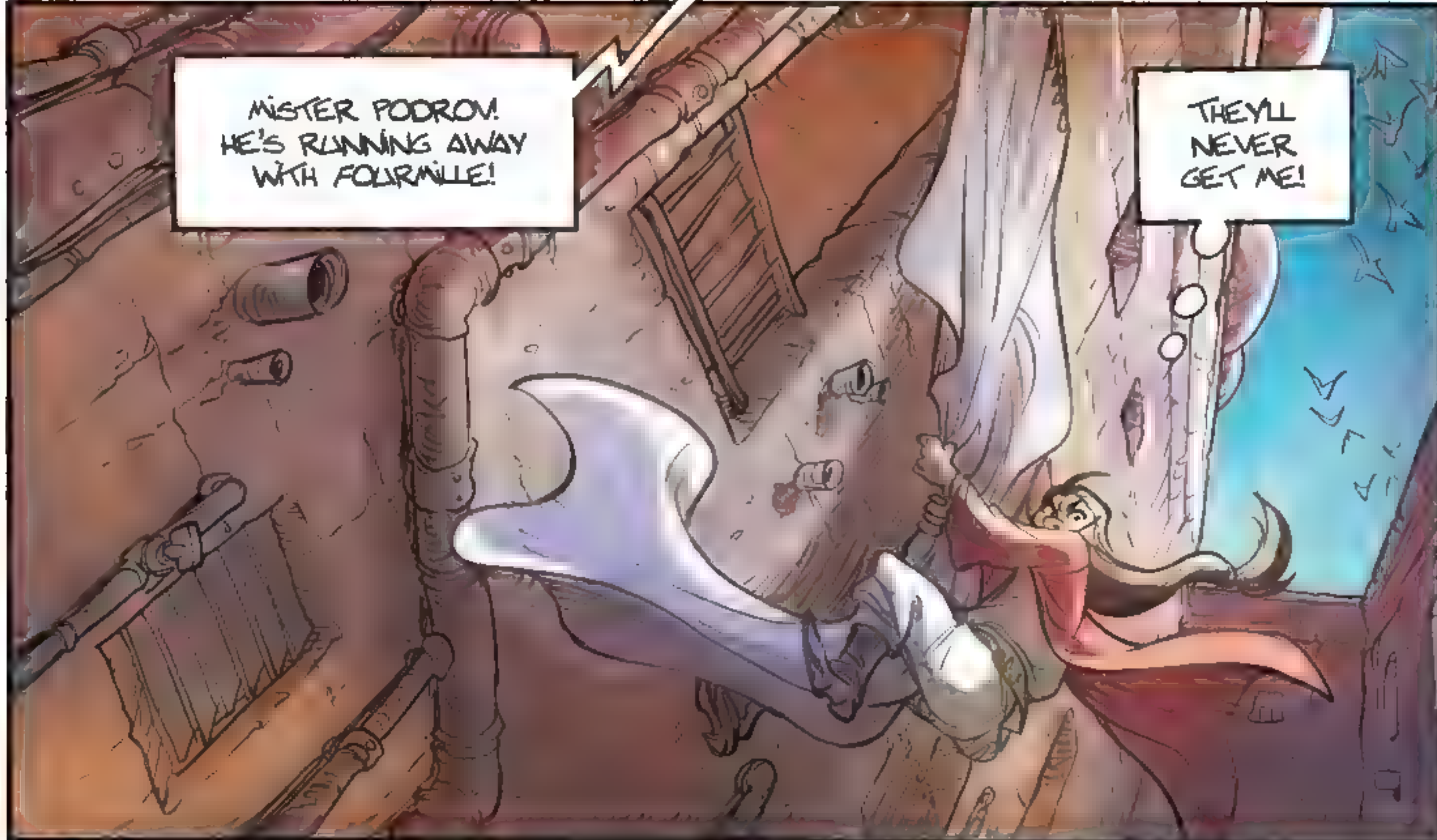
THE GUARDIA CIVIL???



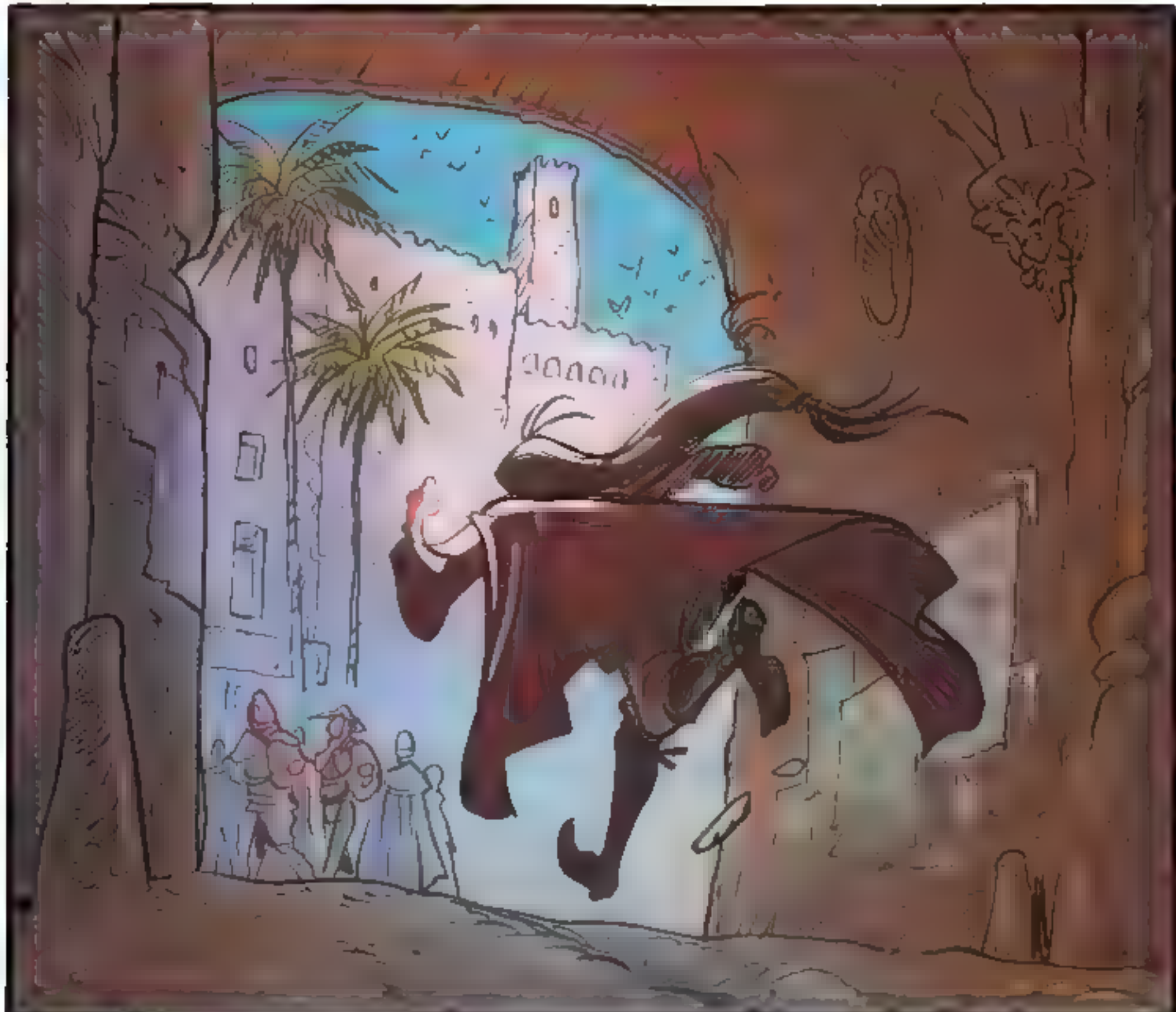
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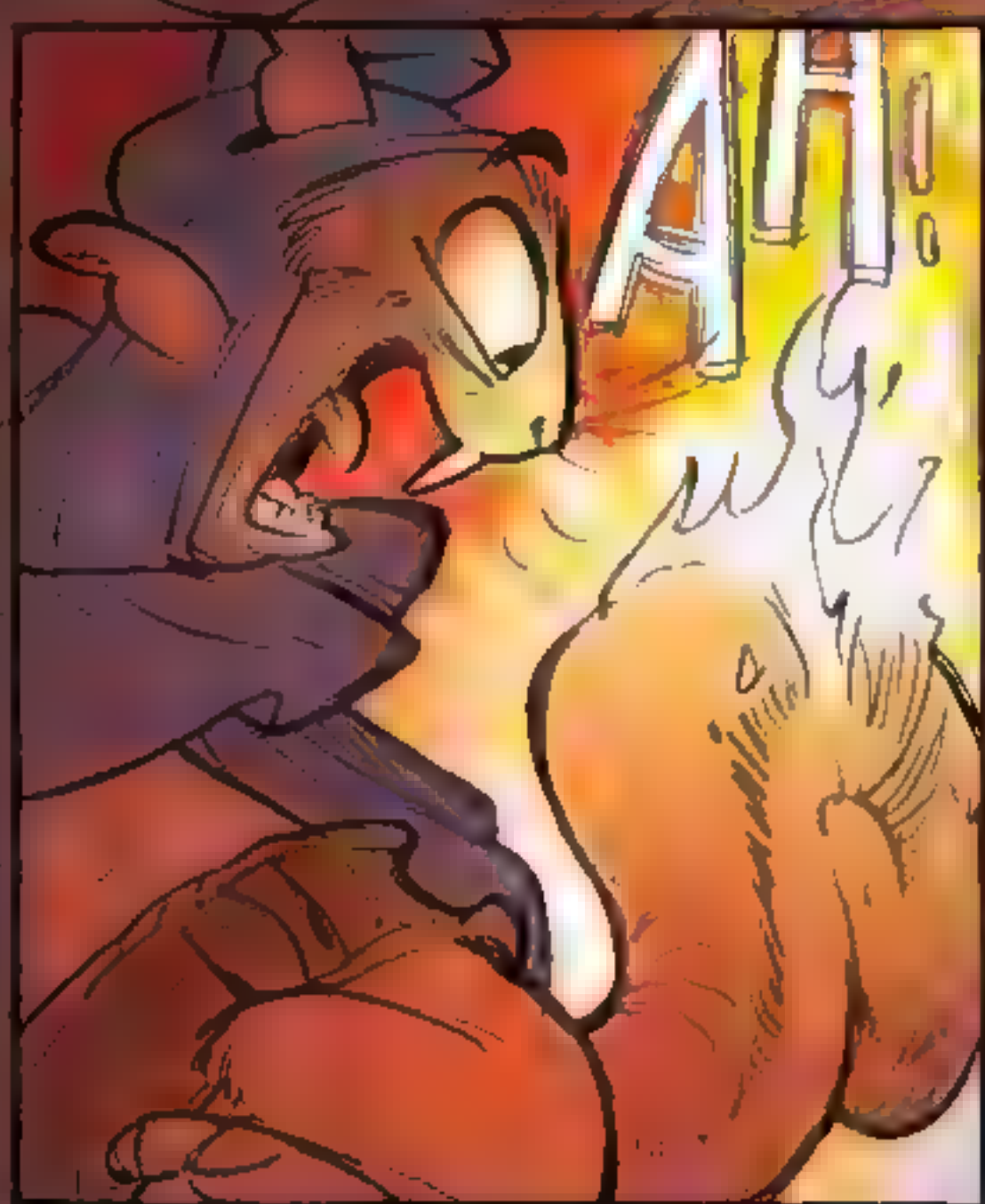
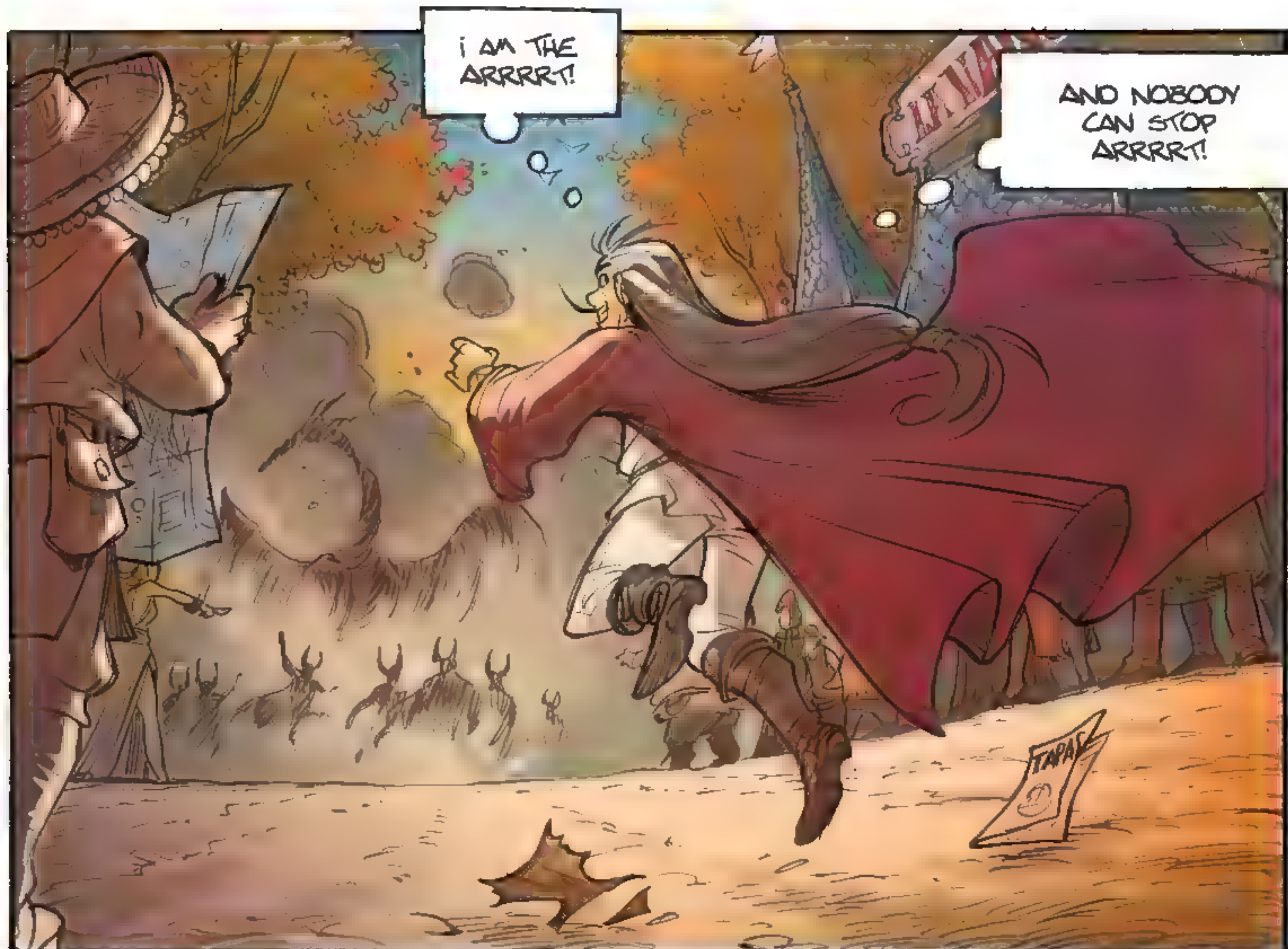
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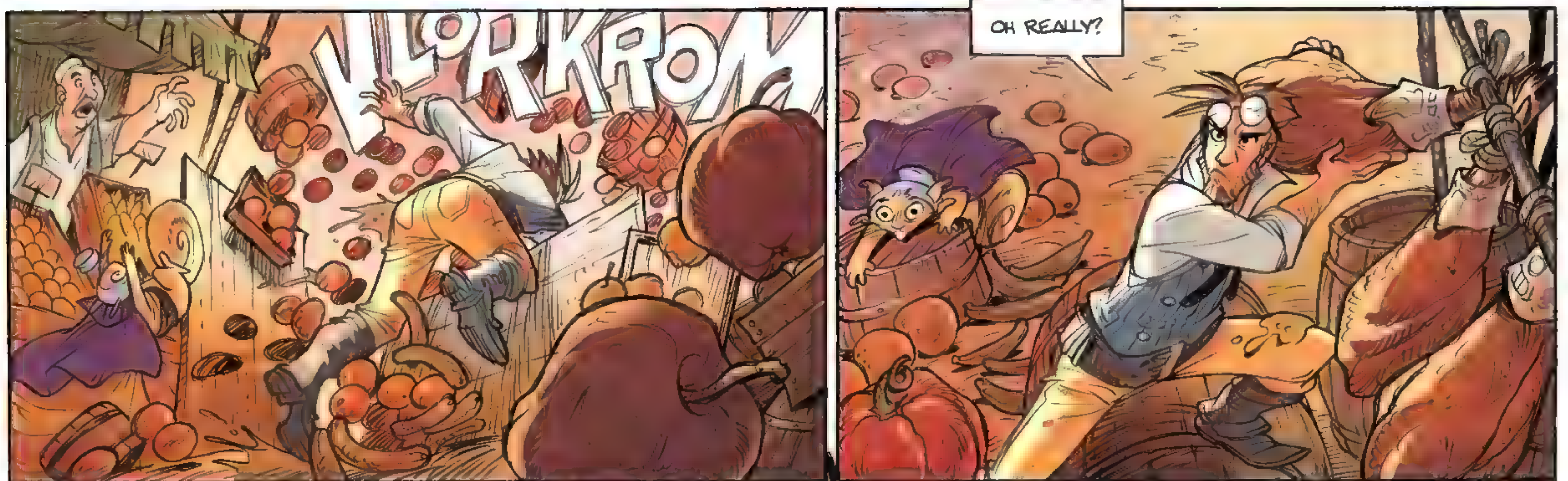
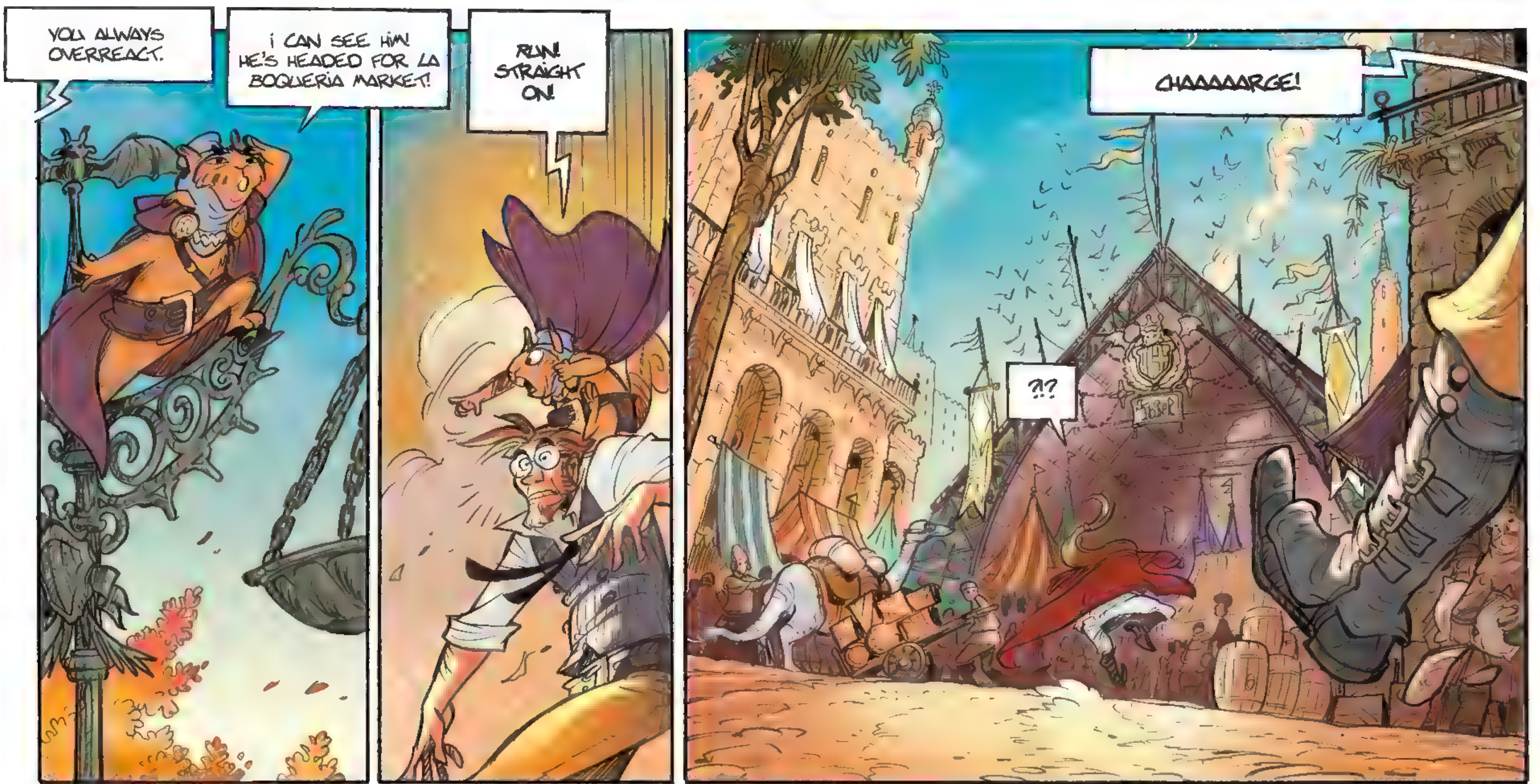
MISTER PODROV! HE'S RUNNING AWAY WITH FOURVILLE!

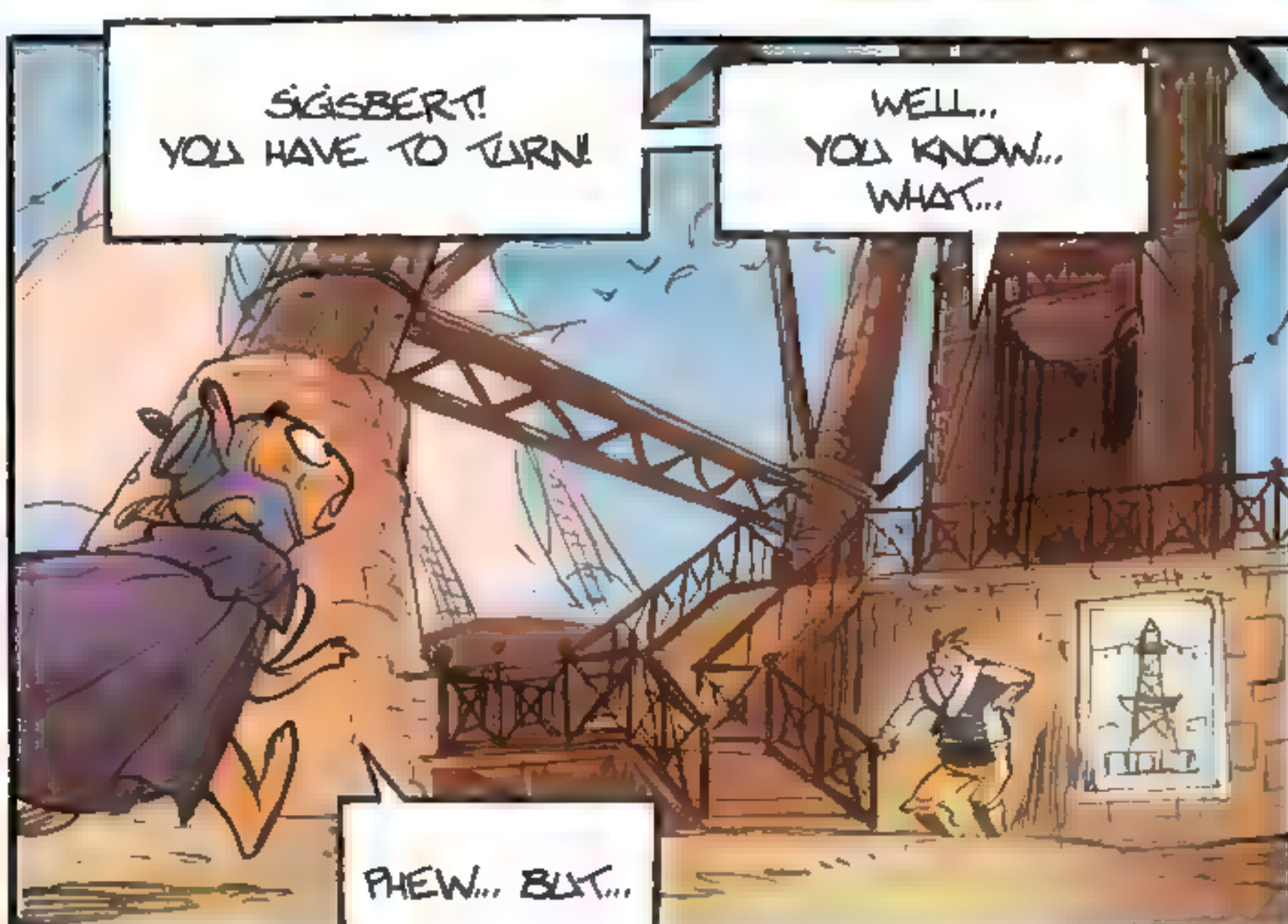
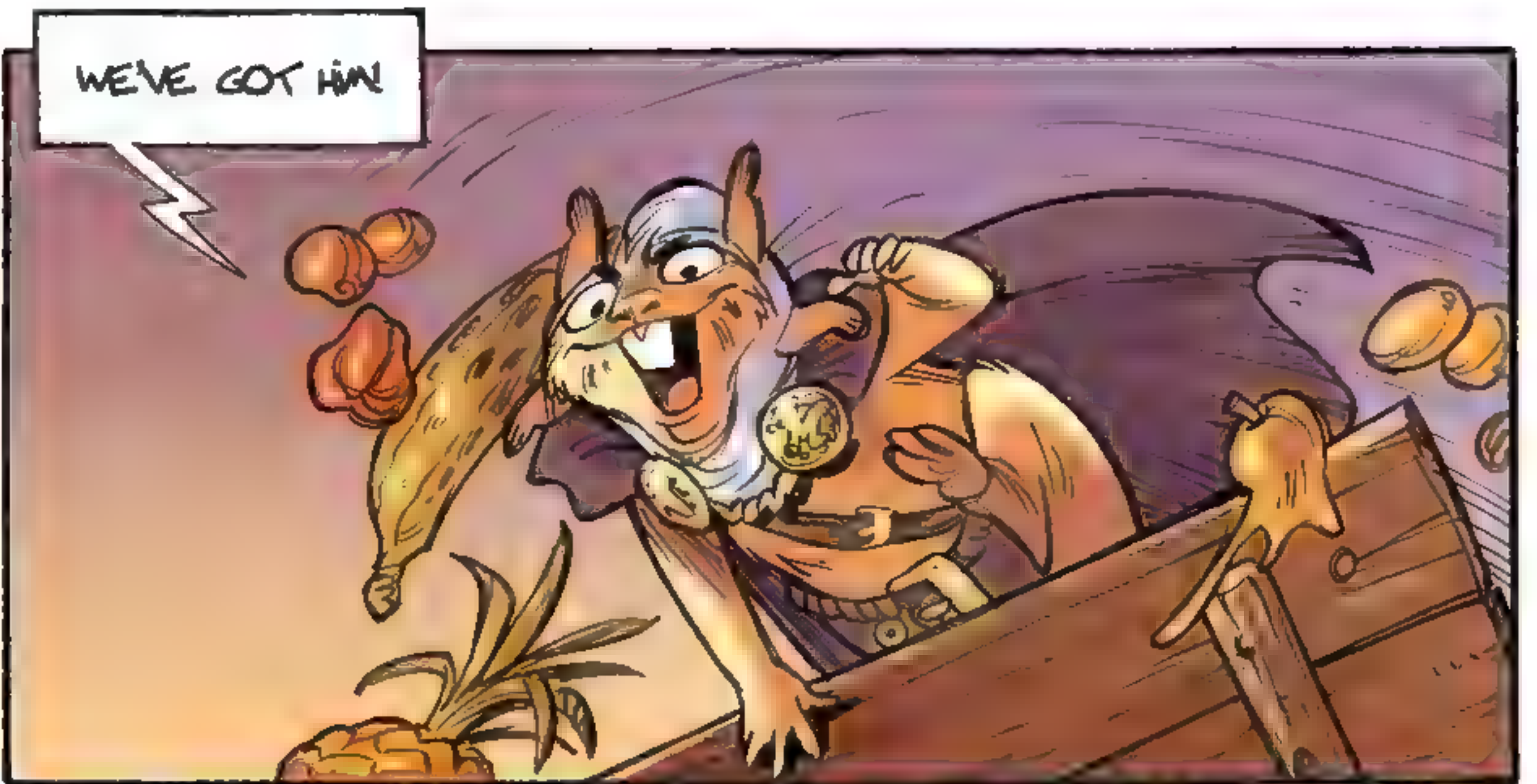
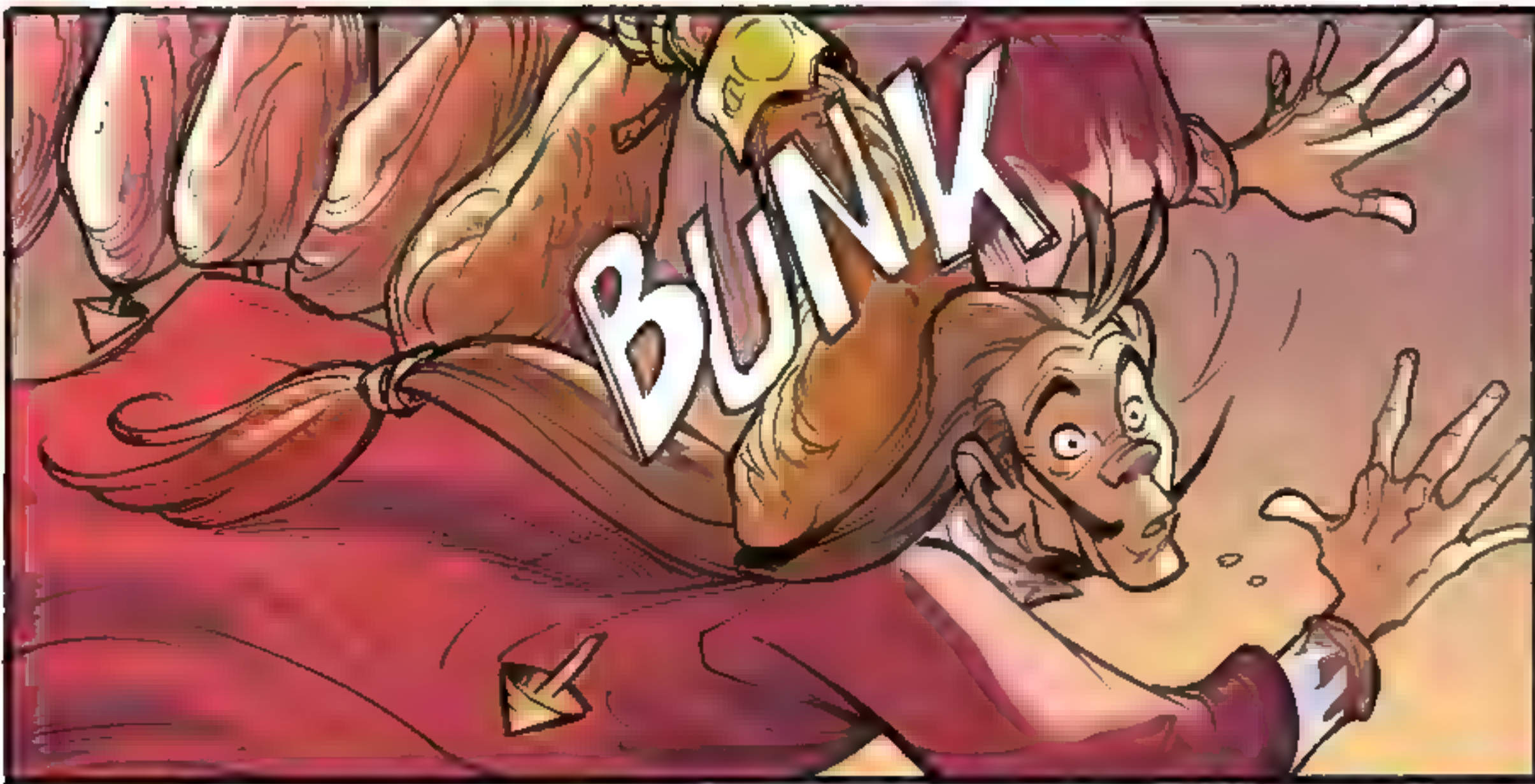


THEY'LL NEVER GET ME!







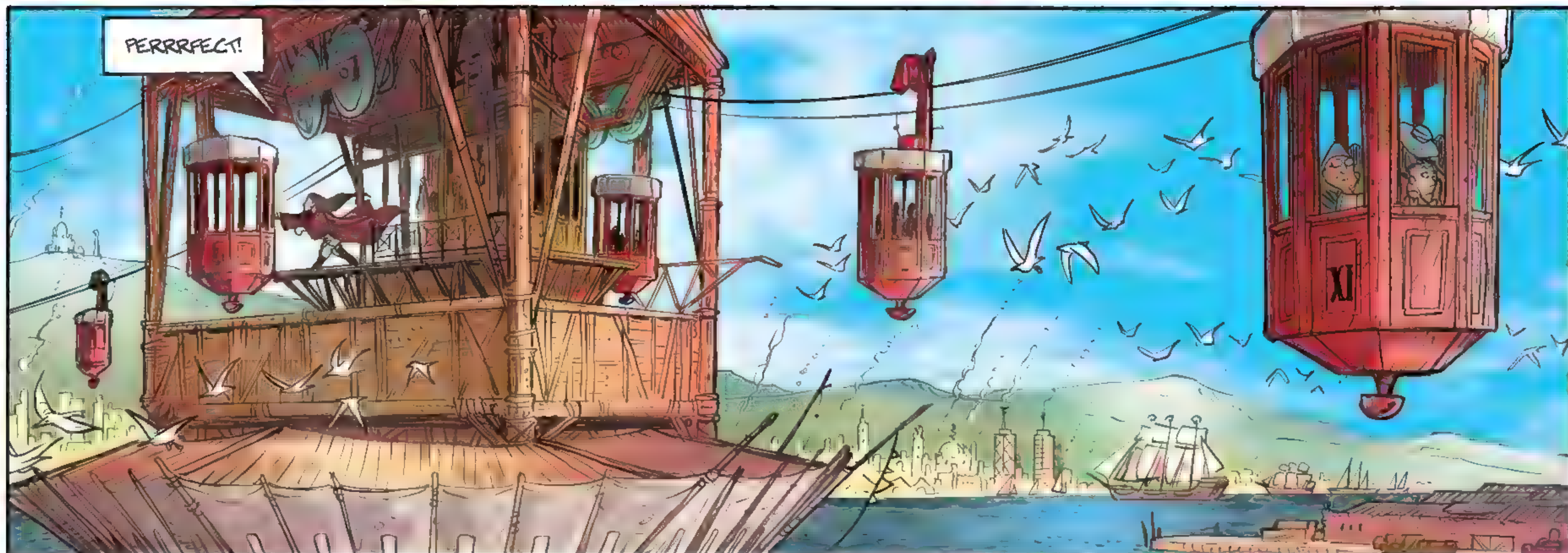




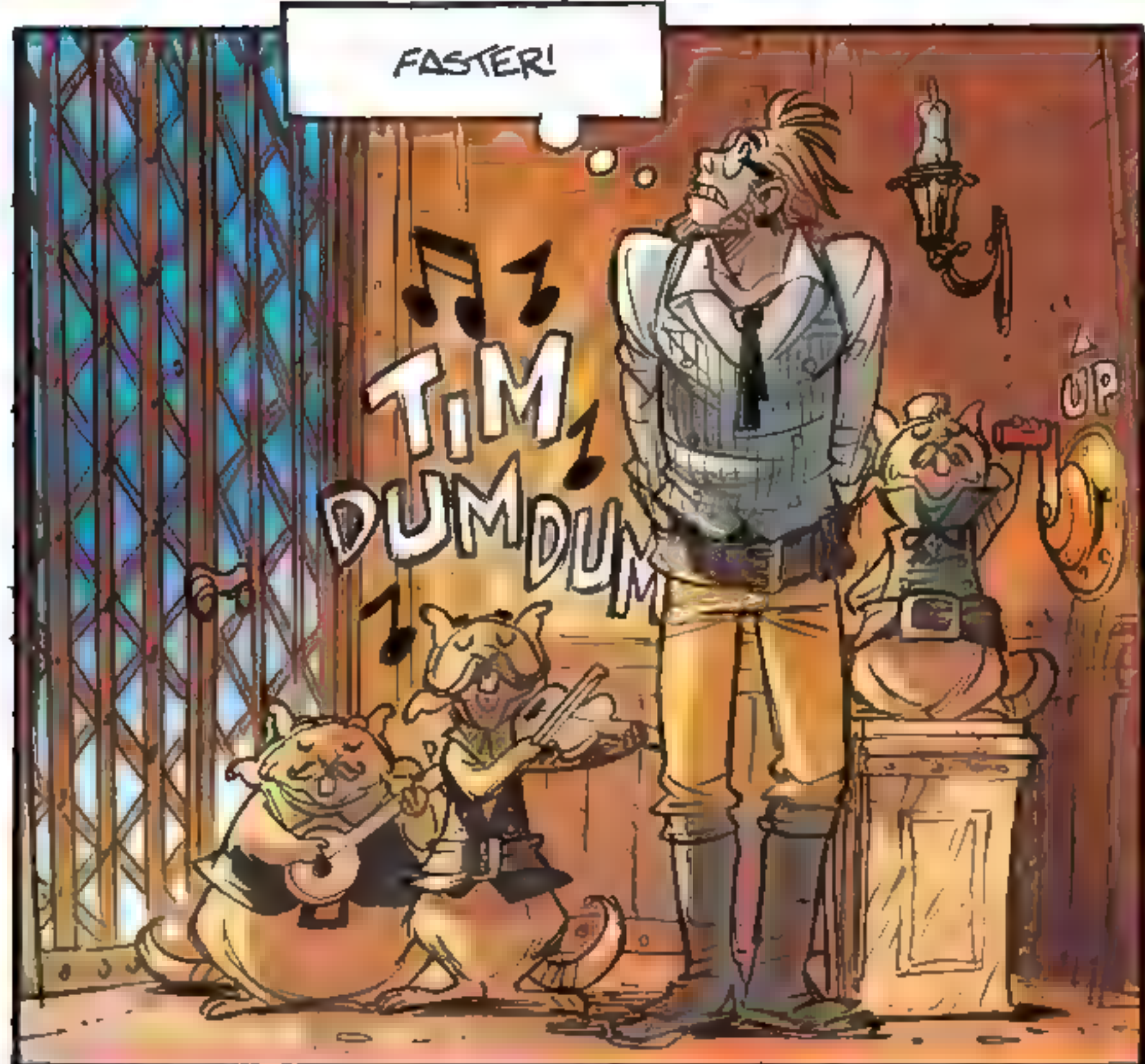
YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING BUT TEA...



NOT ME! OVER THERE! THE UGLY GUY WITH A MUSTACHE! HE'S THE ONE WHO'S GOT THE TEA!

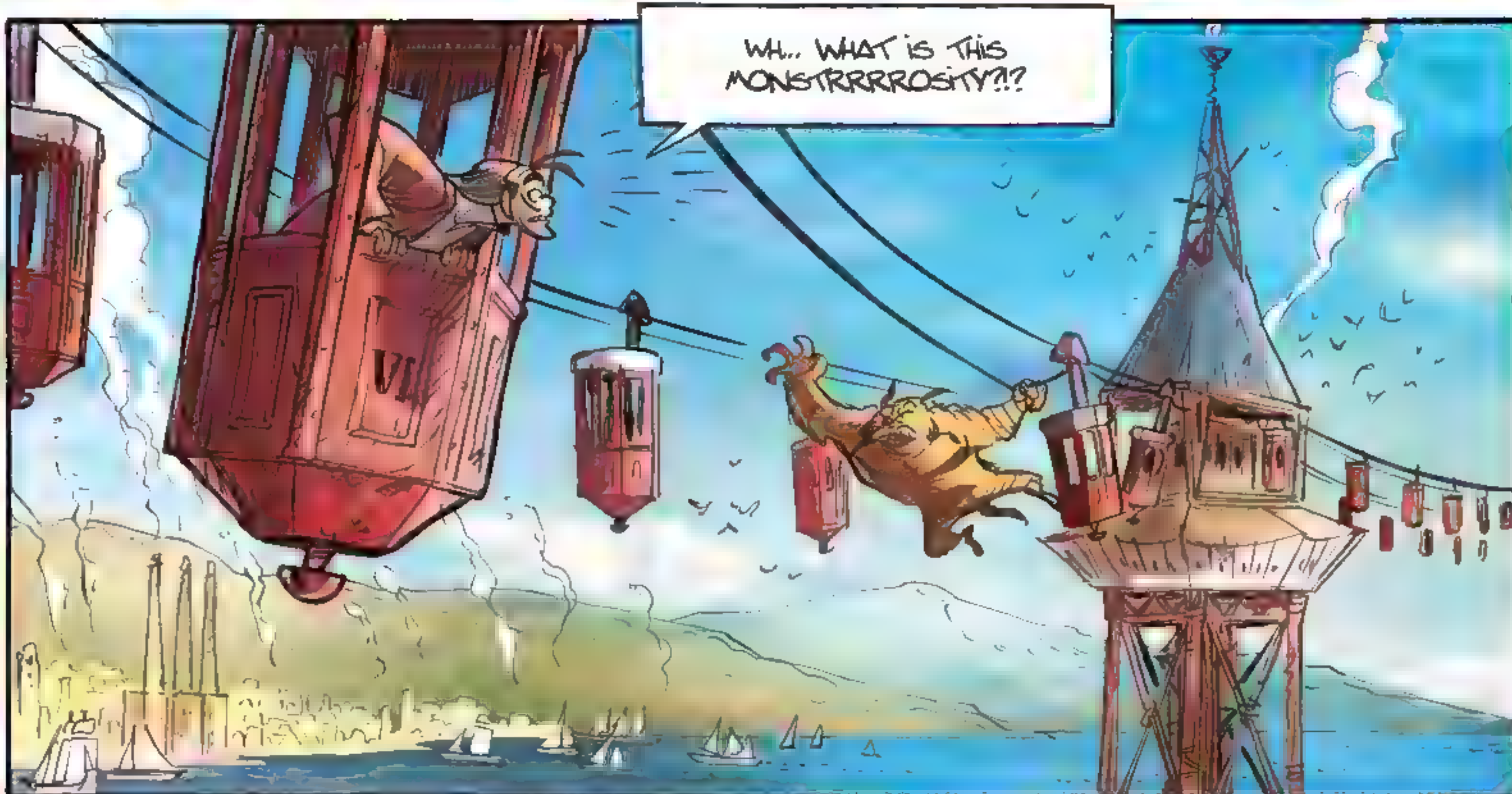


FERRRRFECT!



FASTER!

TIM DUMDUM



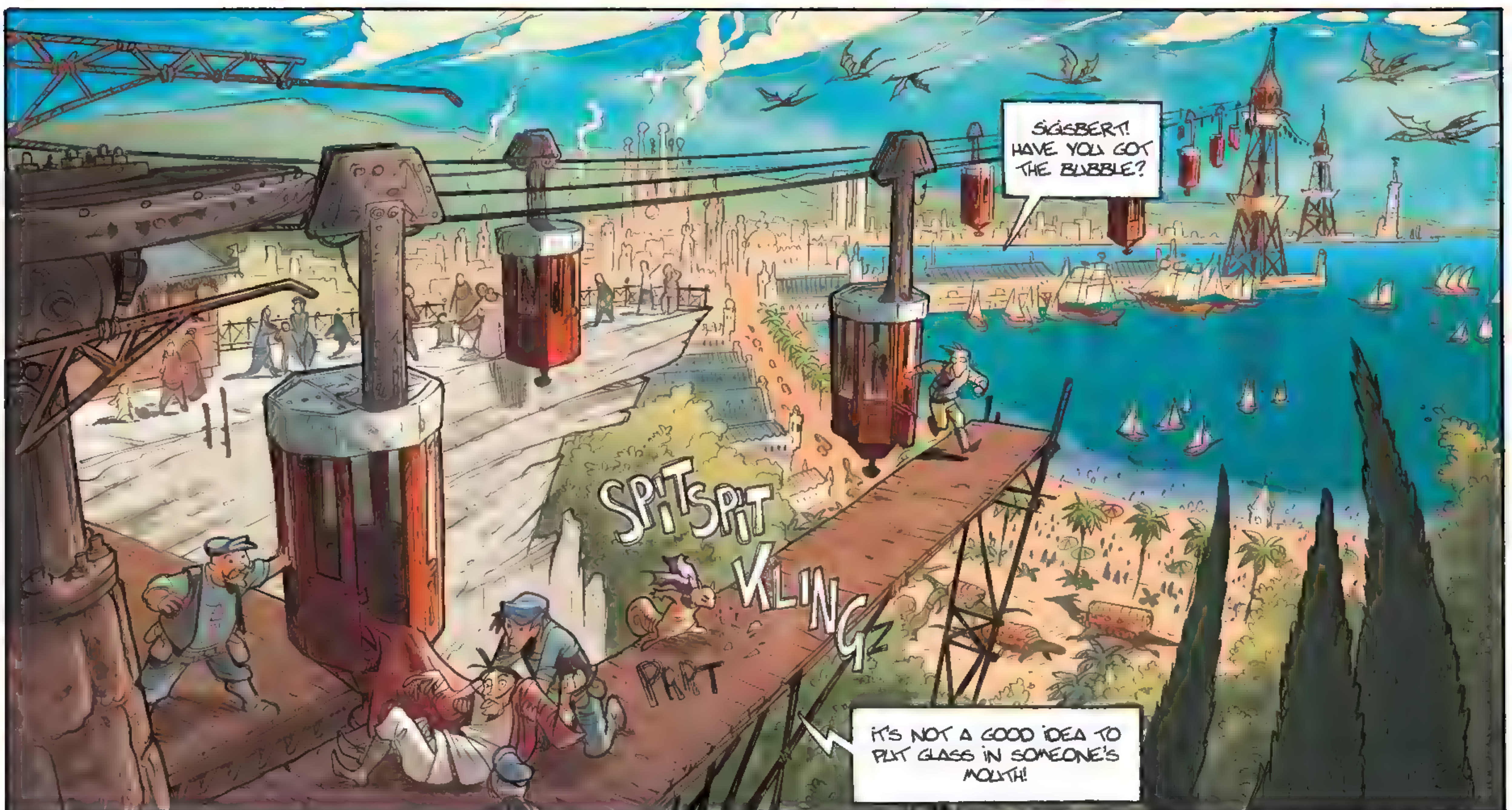
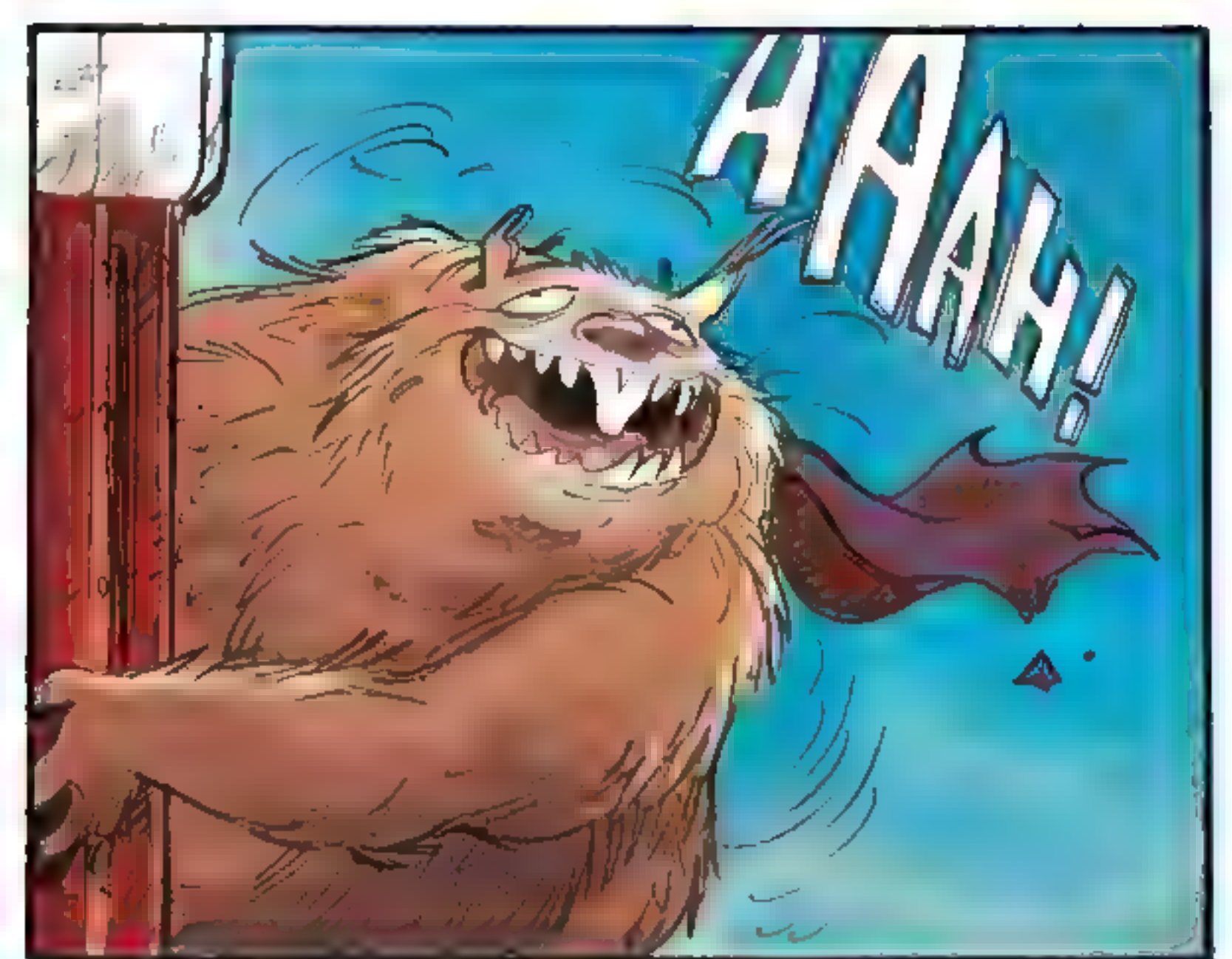
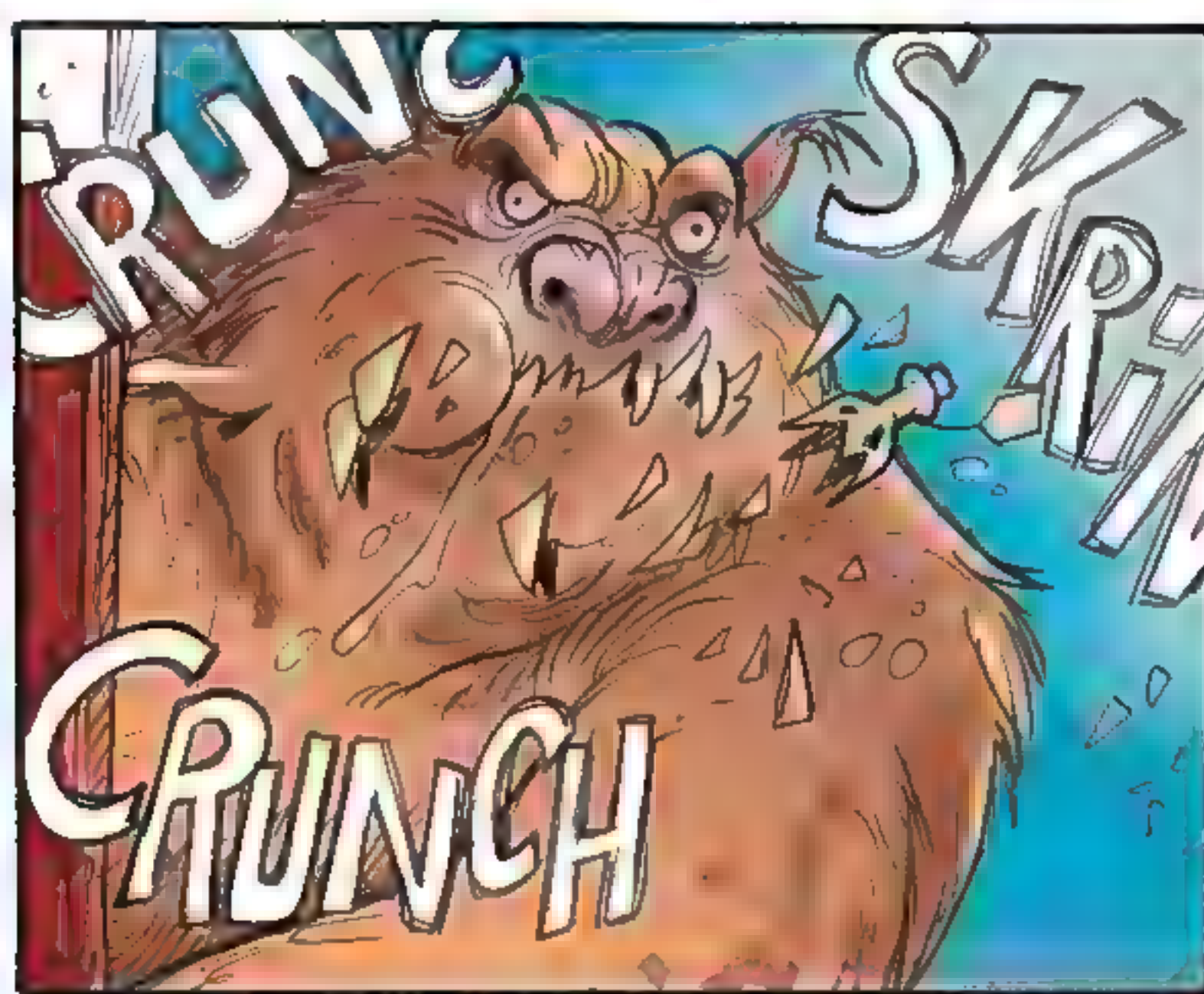
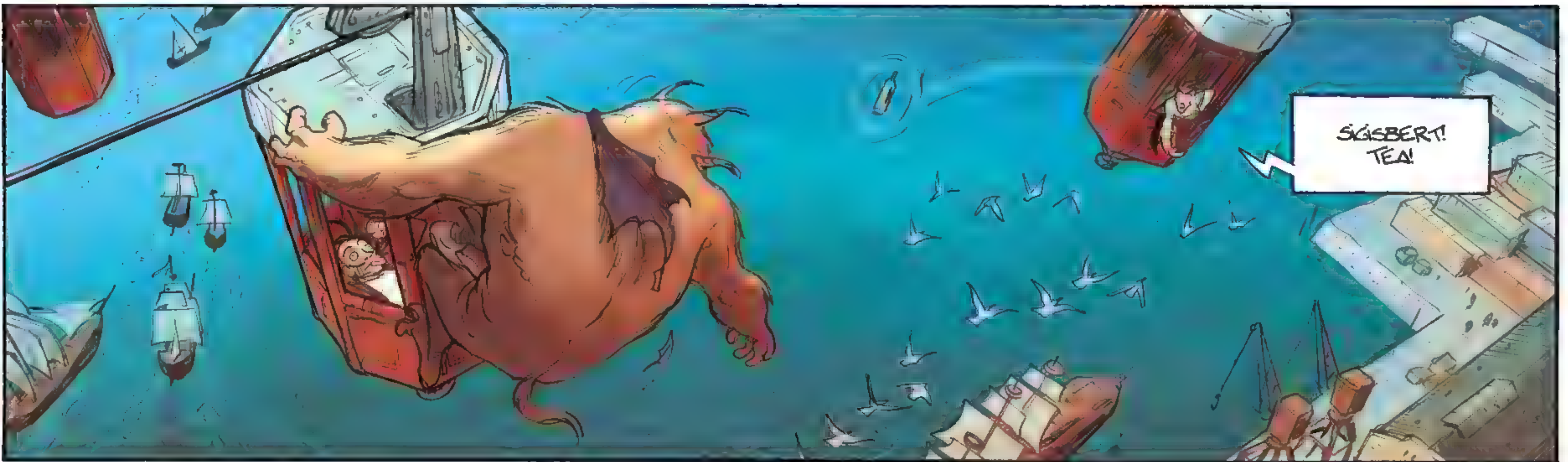
WH... WHAT IS THIS MONSTRRRROSTY???

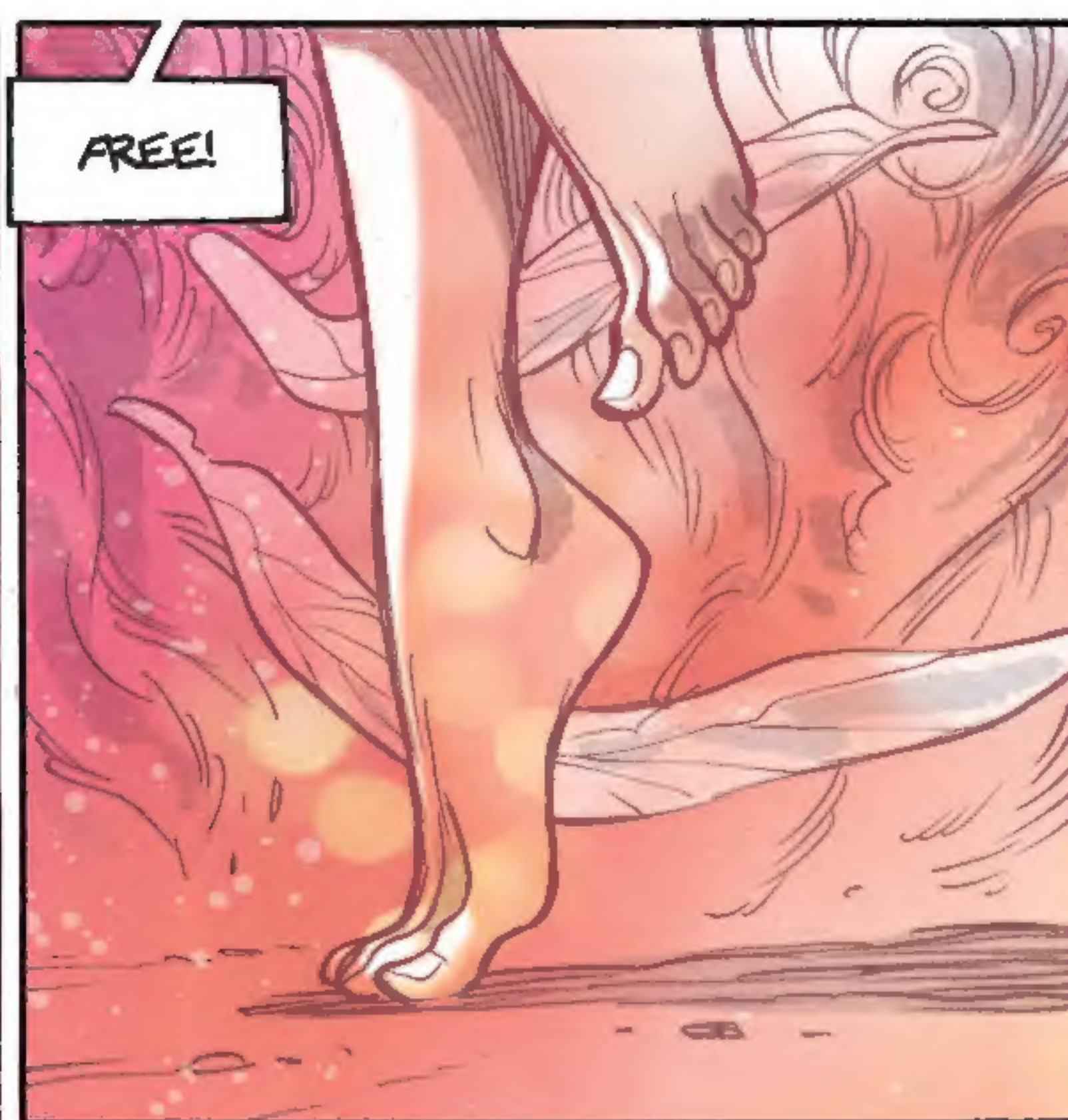
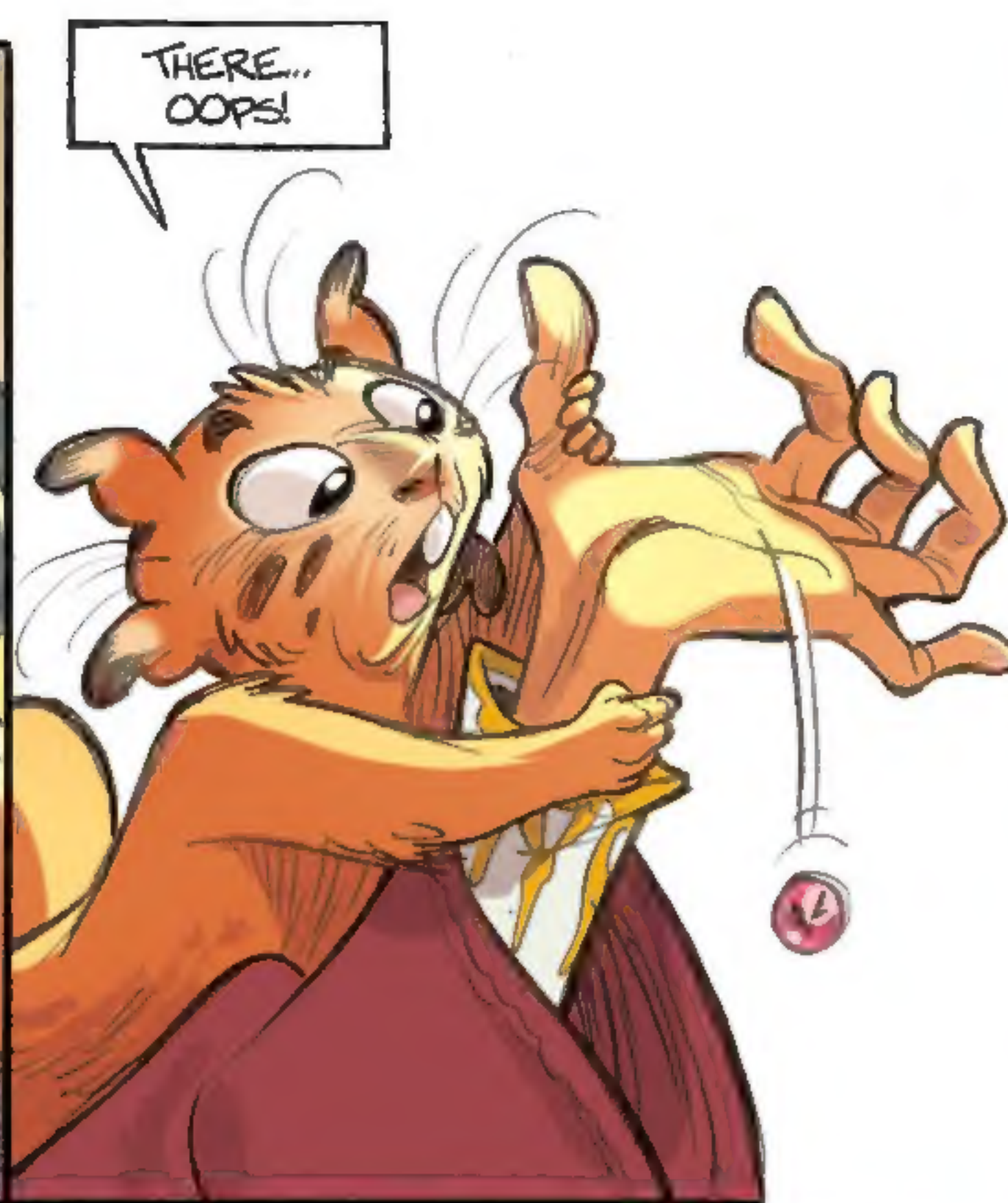
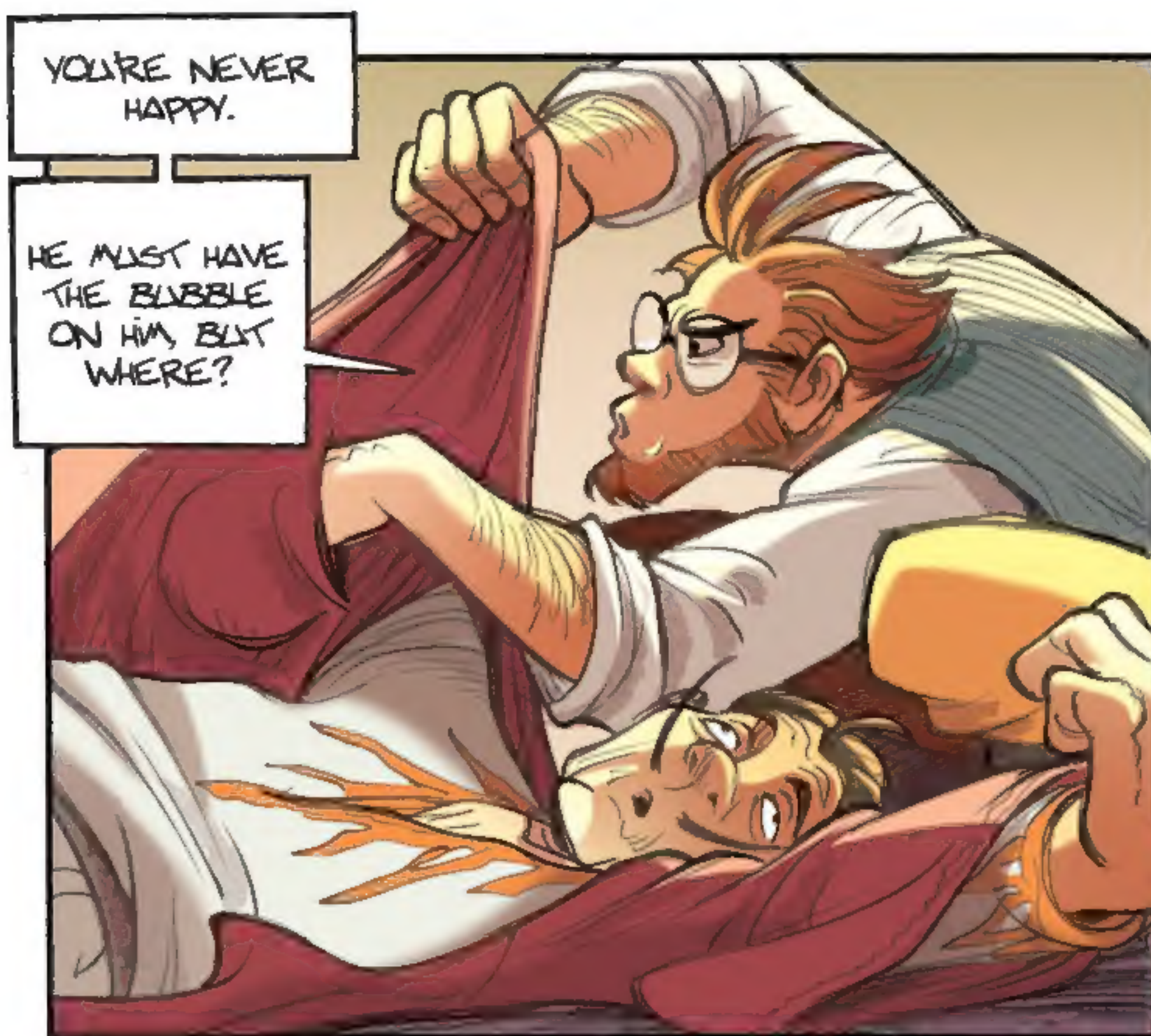


SORRY... EXCUSE ME...



STAND BACK DEMON!







THE PARK IS JUST
A FEW STEPS AWAY
FROM MONTCLIC CASTLE...

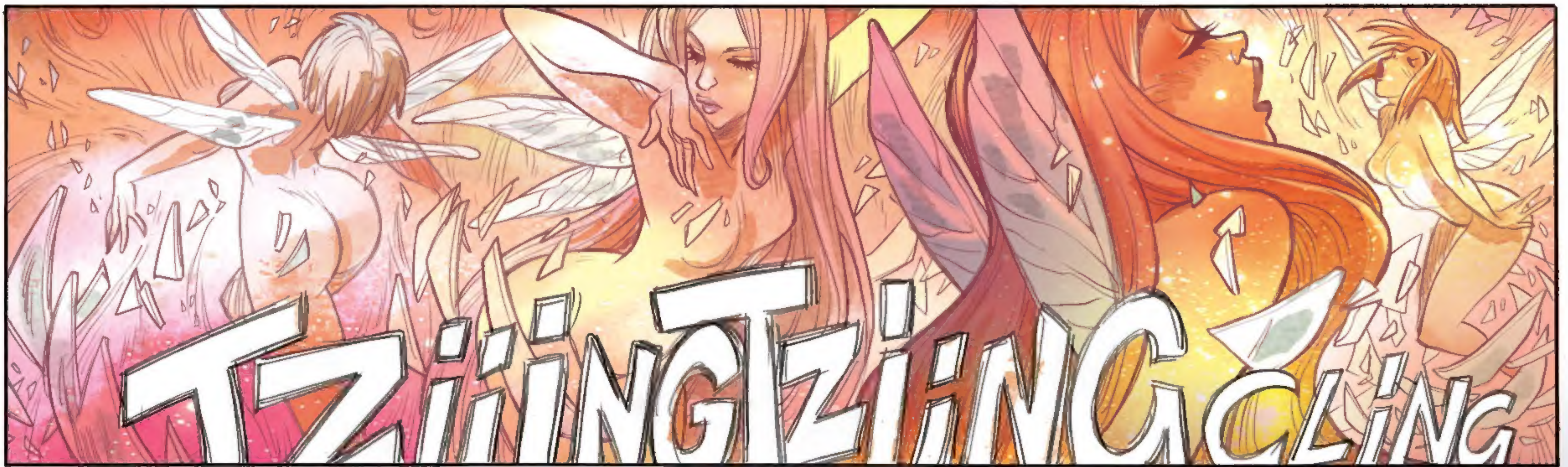
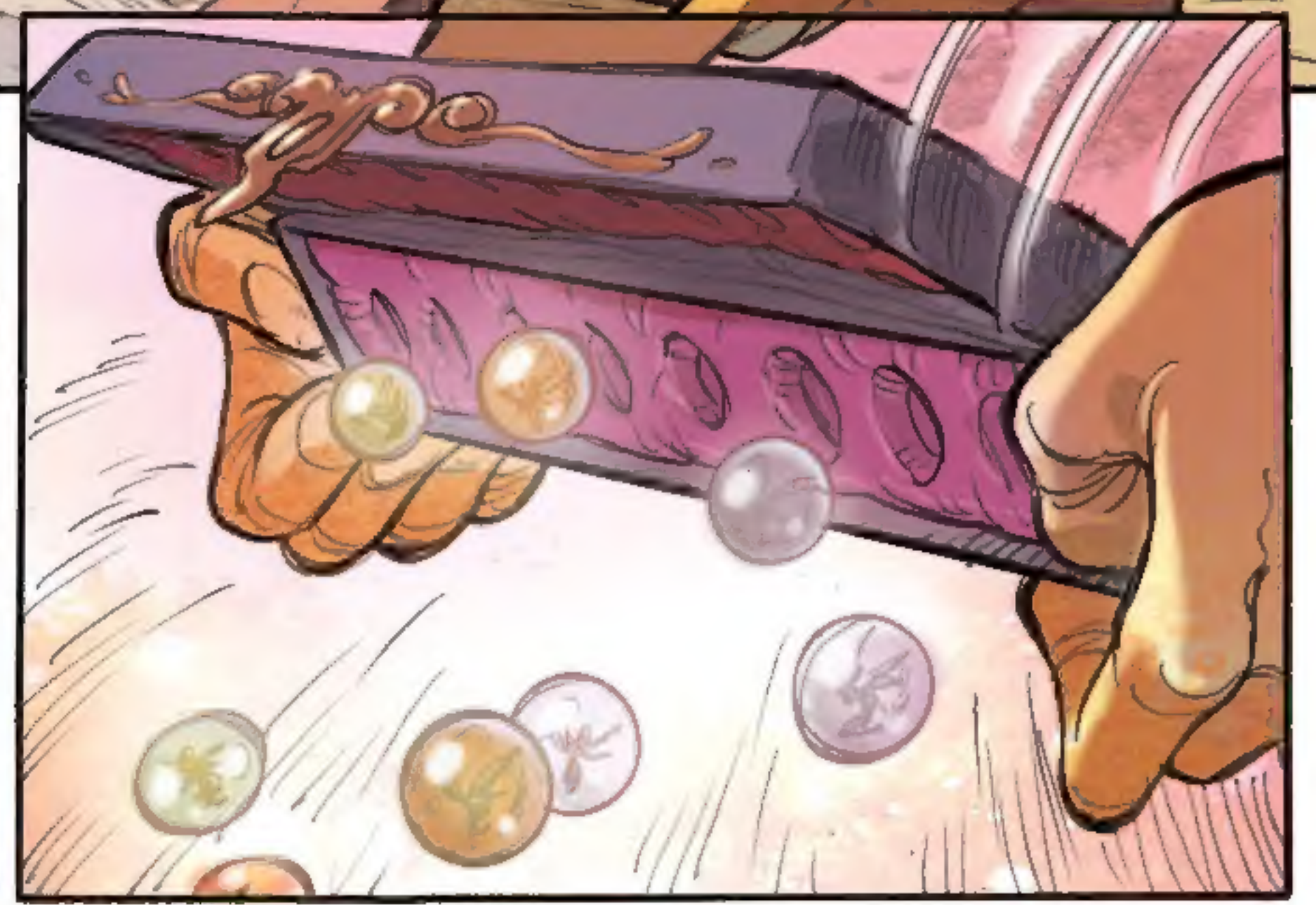
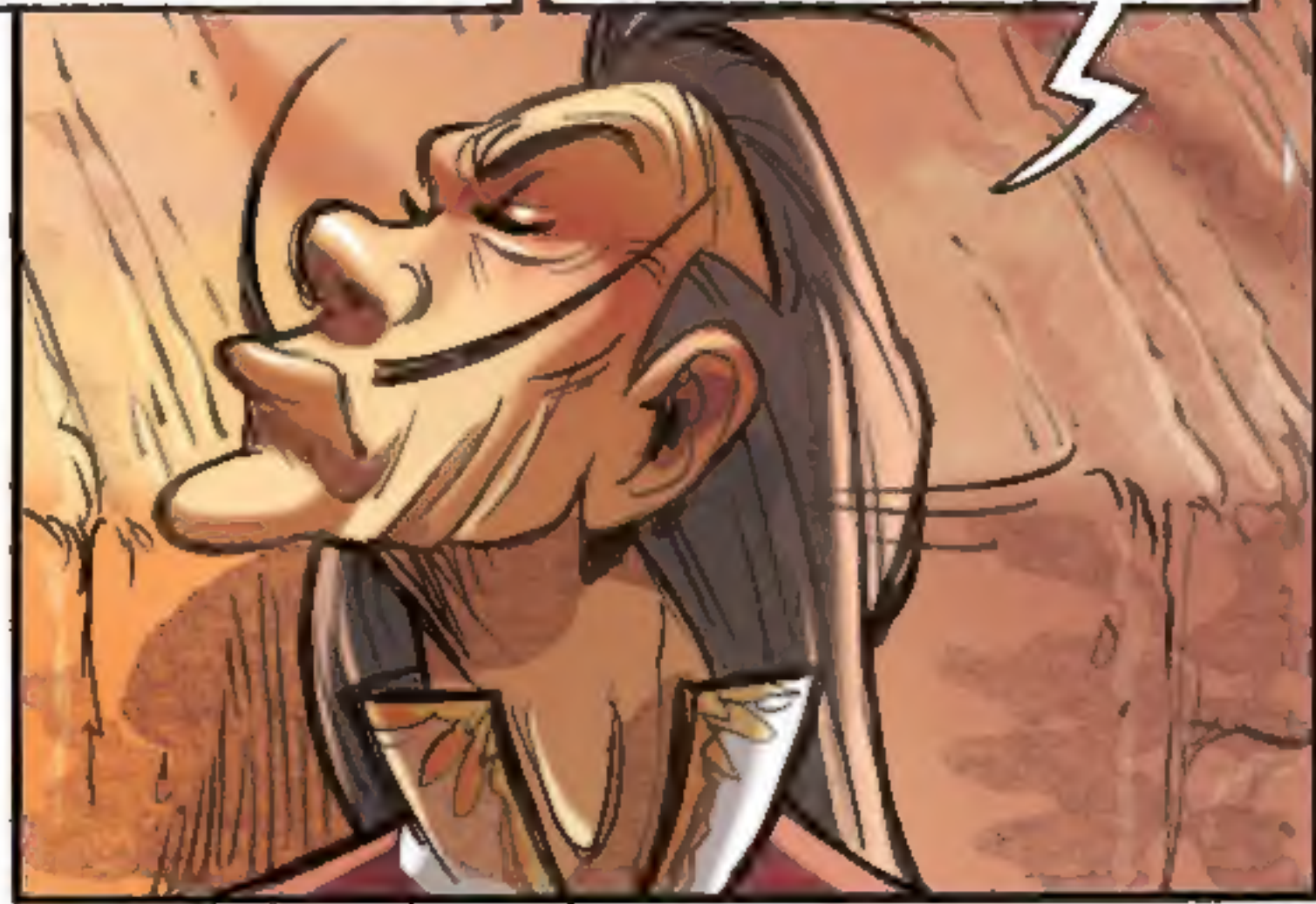
SCHRODINGER GAVE
THE NAME OF HIS
ACCOMPLICE, A DANDY,
WHO WAS PART OF
THE MAESTRO'S
ENTOURAGE. GRACE
WAS GETTING OUT.

ARE YOU SAYING
THESE YOUNG LADIES
ARE ALIVE?

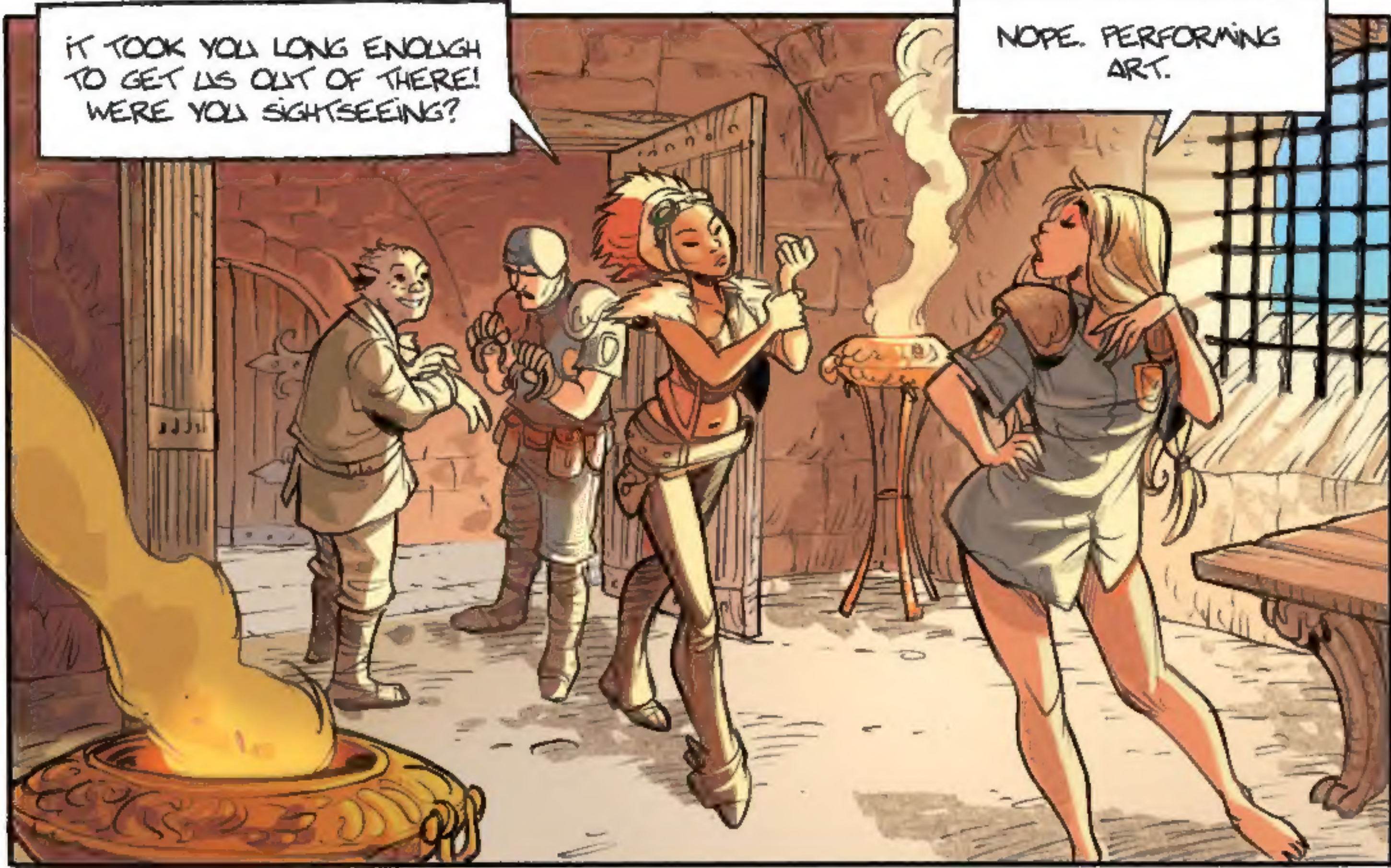
I AM AN
ARRR-TIST, NOT
A COMM-ON
CRIMINAL!

I JUST SUSSES-
PENDED TIME FOR
THESE CREATURRES!

WE FREED FOURMILE
THE EASY WAY...

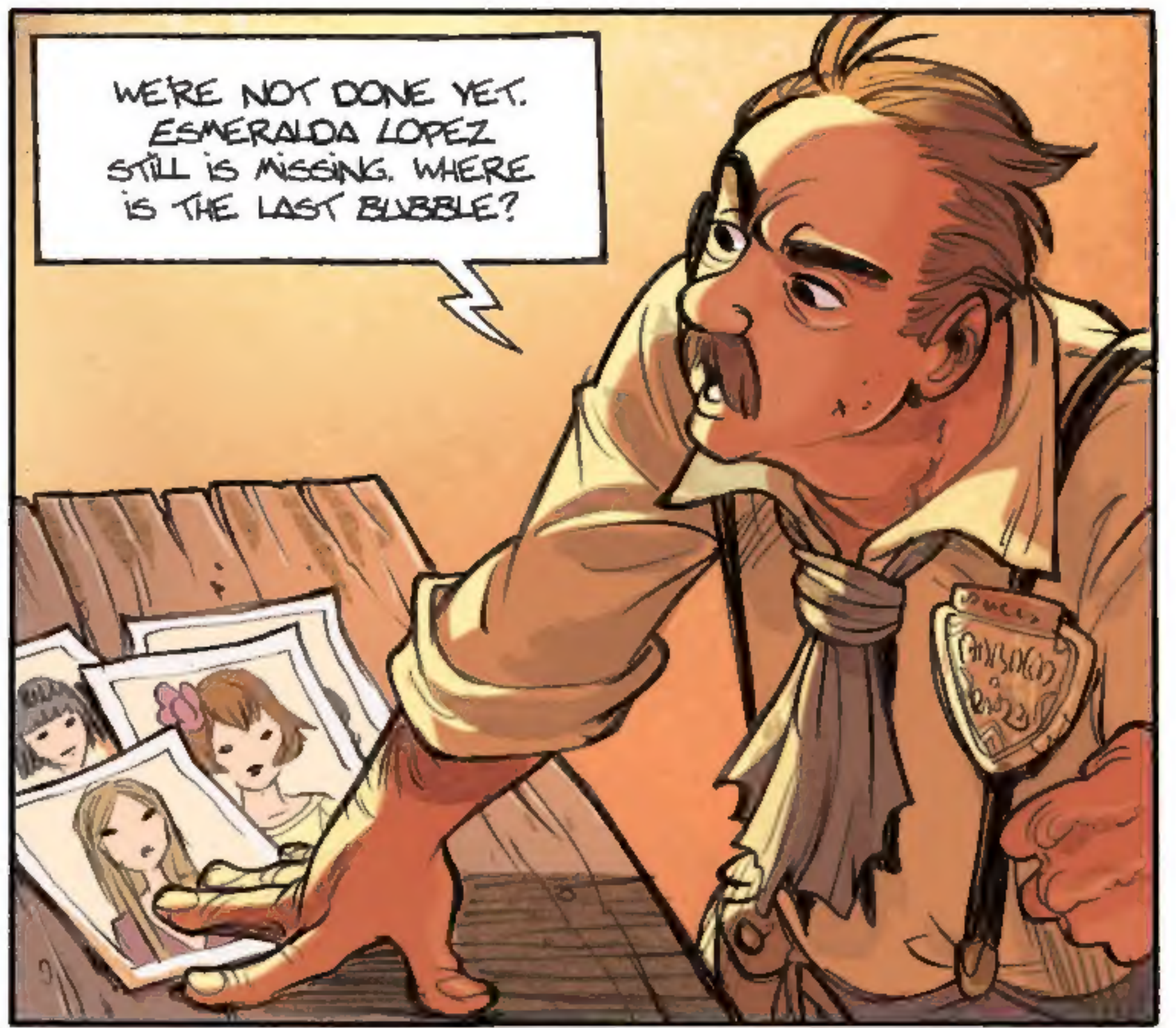


SERGEANT, WE'RE GONNA
NEED MORE JACKETS!

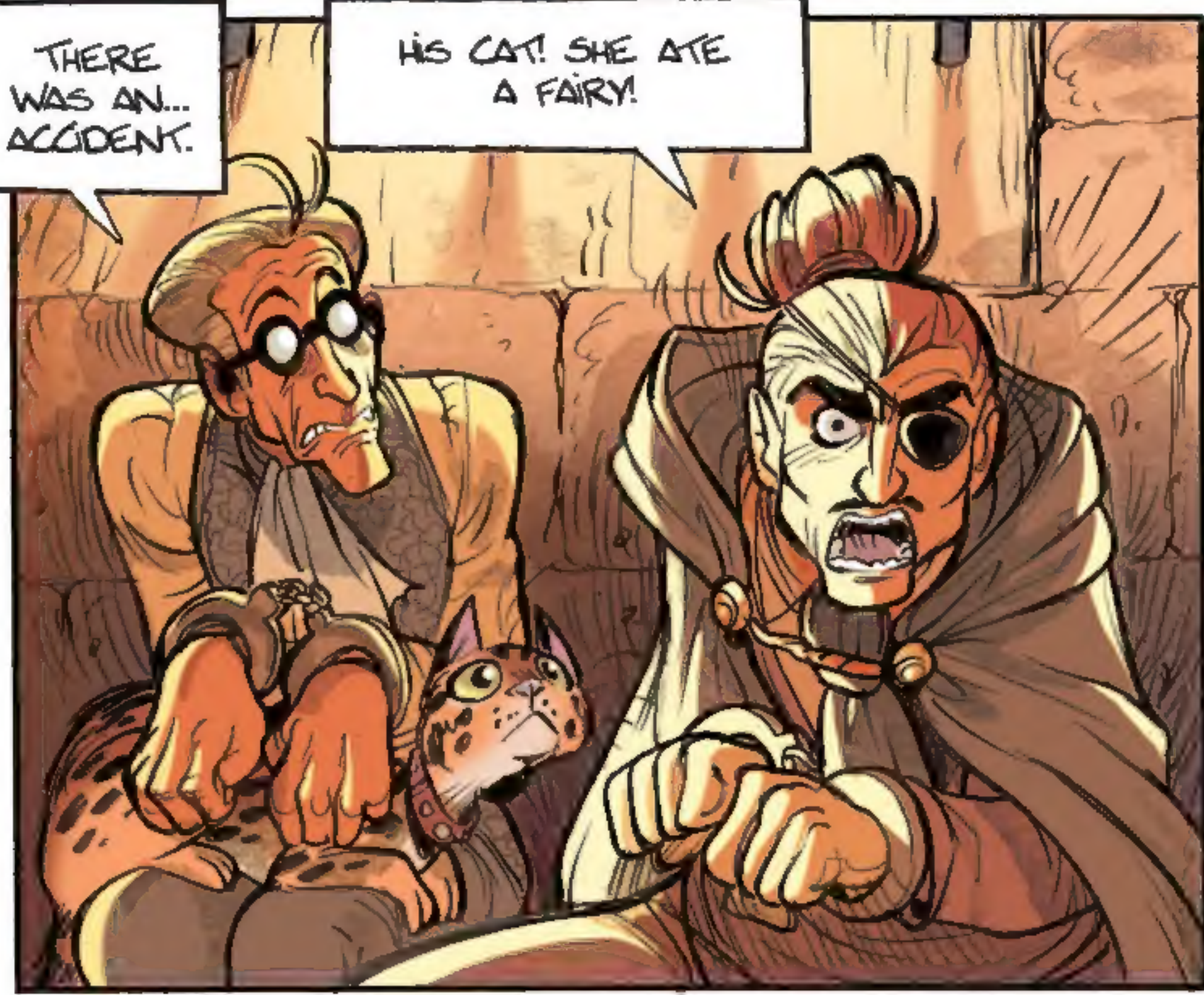


IT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO GET US OUT OF THERE! WERE YOU SIGHTSEEING?

NOPE. PERFORMING ART.



WE'RE NOT DONE YET. ESMERALDA LOPEZ STILL IS MISSING. WHERE IS THE LAST BUBBLE?



THERE WAS AN... ACCIDENT.

HIS CAT! SHE ATE A FAIRY!



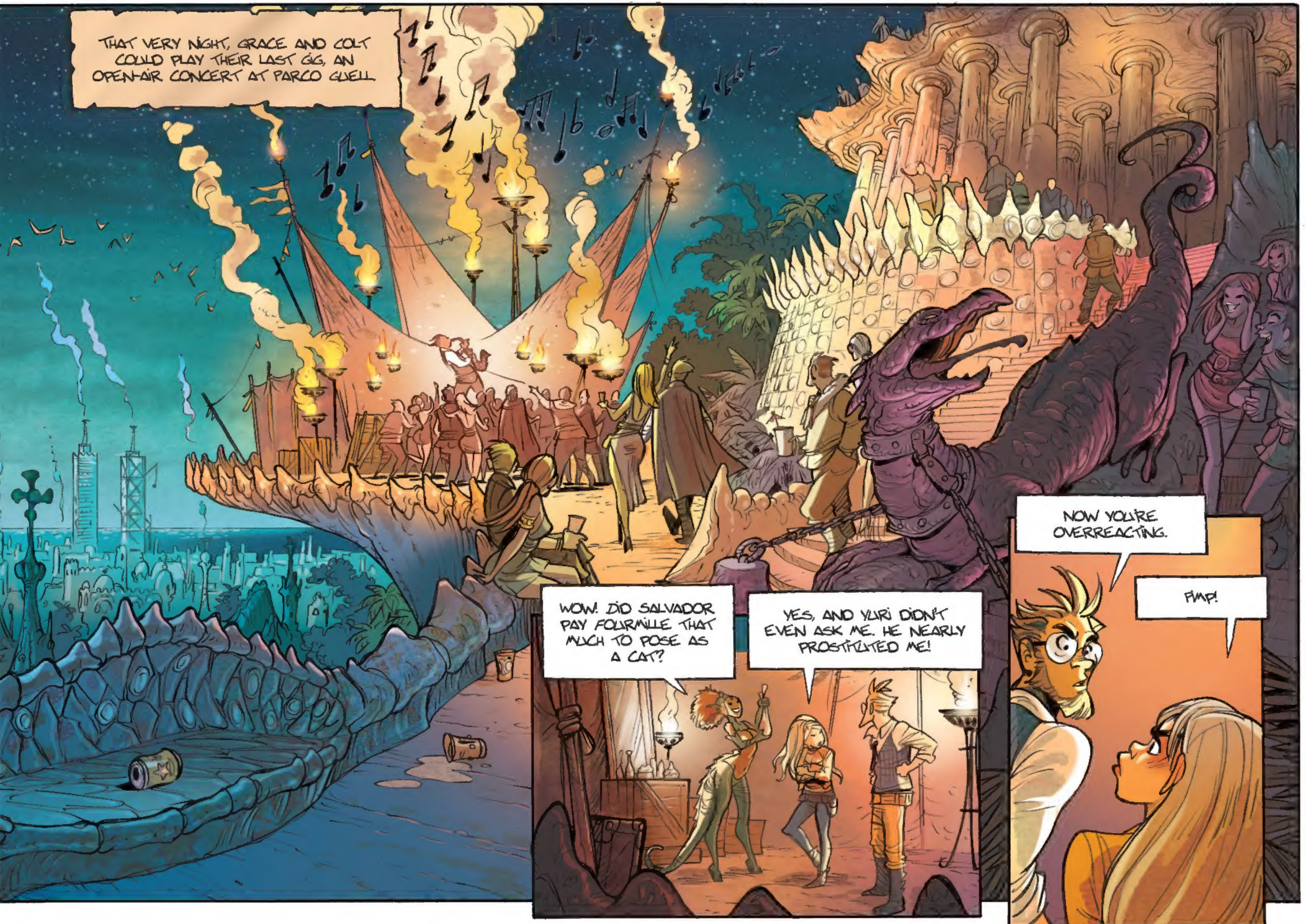
SO WE HAVE ONE MORE SUSPECT!

I'M LOOKING EVERYBODY UP. JUSTICE WILL DECIDE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.



DO YOU THINK THEY'LL PUT THE CAT BACK IN THE BOX?

THEY BETTER NOT...



THAT VERY NIGHT, GRACE AND COLT COULD PLAY THEIR LAST GIG, AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT AT PARCO QUELL

WOW. DID SALVADOR PAY FOURVILLE THAT MUCH TO POSE AS A CAT?

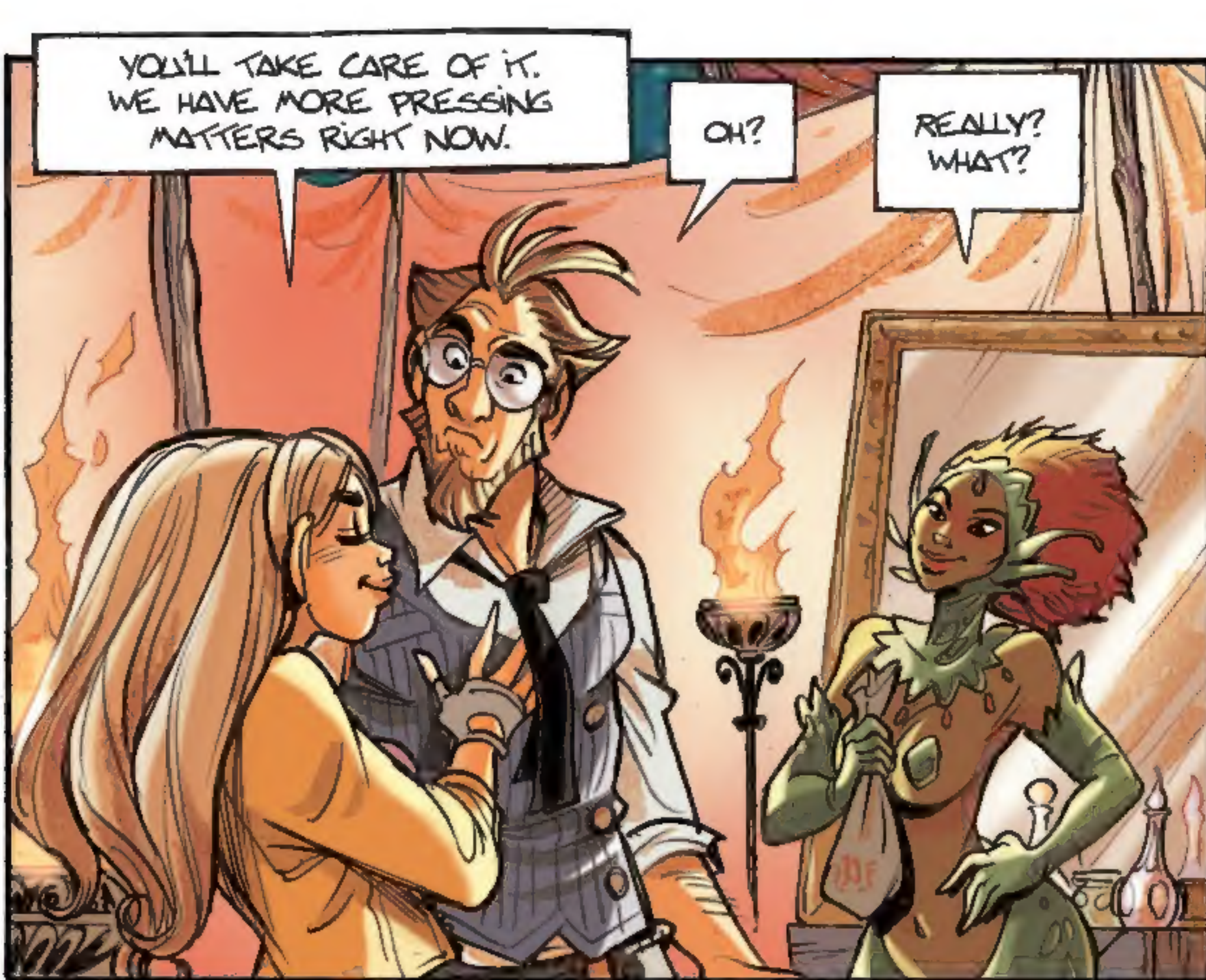
YES, AND YURI DIDN'T EVEN ASK ME. HE NEARLY PROSTITUTED ME!

NOW YOU'RE OVERREACTING.

FMP!



AS SOON AS WE'RE BACK
IN NEW YORK WE CAN
PAY ALL OUR DEBTS!



YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
WE HAVE MORE PRESSING
MATTERS RIGHT NOW.

OH?

REALLY?
WHAT?



SIGSBERT DIDN'T TELL
US EVERYTHING ABOUT
THE PRESHAUNS YET...

BUT
I CAN'T!



YOU TALKED ABOUT AUTHORITIES
IN ROME. MAYBE WE SHOULD GO
THERE AND CHECK, MAH?

DON'T DO
THIS! I BEG
YOU!

ALL RIGHT, SIGSBERT,
YOU'VE CONVINCED ME...



WE LEAVE FOR ROME
IMMEDIATELY.

TO BE
CONTINUED...